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Pictured, from left, are First Alternate Robin Routh, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, 2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena Grace John & Second Alternate Onnahinli Denson. Denson was also the written essay winner. Not pictured are Miss Photogenic Emily Shoemake & Miss Congeniality Mariah Lewis.

John crowned 2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess

Lanena Grace John was crowned the 2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess during the opening night of the 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair on Wednesday, July 10 at the Pearl River Amphitheater in Choctaw.

John, the 18-year-old daughter of Dawnena and Shaunrey Jefferson of the Pearl River Community and Lucas Thomas of the Conehatta Community, is the 59th princess to represent the tribe. She was sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Some of her hobbies

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Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, along with the general public, perform the Walk Dance around the Nanih Waiya Mound in observance of Nanih Waiya Day on Aug. 9.

Nanih Waiya Day celebration held Aug. 9

Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians observed Nanih Waiya Day on Friday, Aug. 9 with activities commemorating the resoration of ancestral lands back to the Choctaw people.

A program was held at 10 a.m. at the Nanih Waiya Mound in Winston County which included a laying of a wreath, storytelling by tribal elder Lucy Morris and a Walk Dance around the mound. A traditional Choctaw meal was served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Later that evening, the inaugural World Series Stickball (WSS) sanctioned All-Star Games were held at Warrior Stadium on the Choctaw Central High School campus in Choctaw.

"For generations, our Choctaw people have come and visited this mound and pay their respect because it is our legacy and the original habitat of our tribe," said Tribal Chief Phyliss J. Anderson.

Nanih Waiya Day is about realizing the importance of passing along stories, traditions and knowledge for the next generation as Anderson urged parents, guardians and elders to continue the vital responsibility of teaching the Choctaw children.

"Let us continue to work together and share in this celebration of our unique Choctaw identity. It is our charge today to keep our heritage alive and our legacy strong," said Anderson. "Let it flourish in our children because the strength and the courage of our ancestors should never be forgotten. We should never forget where we come from. We should always be respectful of our mound and treat it with honor and respect."

With tribal members singing a gospel hymn in Choctaw, Tribal Council

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Beaver Dam regains World Series Stickball title with win over Koni Hata

Beaver Dam defeated reigning World Series Stickball champion Koni Hata 4-3 in a thrilling sudden death contest July 13 at Warrior Stadium in Choctaw. Beaver Dam, playing in their 10th consecutive appearance in the finals, won their fourth title in six years and 12th overall since 1981. Mark Willis, Jr. of Beaver Dam was named MVP of the series.

Chief Phyliss J. Anderson places multi-colored ribbons representing all Choctaw communities on top of a wreath placed at the base of the Nanih Waiya Mound in Winston, County on Aug. 9.

From the Office of Chief

Phyliss J. Anderson

Halito!

As I begin my July/August column, it is hard to believe that the annual Choctaw Indian Fair has come and gone and that we have arrived at the end of summer break.

As we prepare for the beginning of the new school year, I urge all students to take the appropriate steps to be ready for school. This is such an important time for not only our students, but for our parents, teachers, administrators, and school staff. We are shaping and molding our future through the work that is done in our classrooms and through activities on campus.

Here in the tribal offices we are also working tirelessly to push our tribe's progress forward. There are many new happenings that we are planning for the fall and I am excited about new endeavors here on the reservation.

Annual Choctaw Indian Fair

The 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair was a great success and I want to take a moment to thank everyone involved for making this one of the best fairs yet. Not only were we able to continue growing our revenue but we added new features that attracted first time fairgoers.

The preparation and execution of plans for a fair like ours requires many hands, and I appreciate all of you who went above and beyond your scope of duties to get the job done. I also thank the Pearl River Resort team for accommodating us when we had to move our Thursday evening program to the Silver Star Convention Center.

We have received great compliments about our fair, and I look forward to making the 65th Choctaw Indian Fair an even greater success!

Choctaw Indian Princess

Our annual Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant on the Wednesday evening of the Fair was very well-attended and admired. The ten lovely young ladies who graced the amphitheater stage truly did a wonderful job representing their sponsors and their communities. I applaud each of them for their desire to represent and promote our tribe to the outside world. The judges truly had a task before them.

I want to also thank our 2012-2013 Choctaw Indian Princess Shaye Scott who has done a remarkable job representing our tribe this past year. We wish her nothing but the best and I know she has a bright future.

I was excited to be on stage with Shaye as she crowned our new princess, Miss Lanena Grace John. I have had the opportunity to speak with Lanena a few times since she was crowned. She feels excited, blessed and proud to be the tribe's goodwill ambassador for the upcoming year.

I know she put a lot of hard work into reaching her goal and is dedicated to representing our Choctaw people with great pride and enthusiasm. I congratulate Lanena on being crowned the 2013-2014 Choctaw Indian Princess.

Annual Nanih Waiya Day

On Friday, August 9, 2013, we celebrated Nanih Waiya Day and the return of our mother mound to our Choctaw people. We had a great number of people come out to the mound to enjoy the planned activities including storytelling, an honor ceremony, walk dance around the mound and traditional Choctaw food.

That evening, the inaugural All-Star Stickball game was held at Warrior Stadium. The women's team, Fichik Malatoh Ohoyo, won 1-0 over Fichik Cito Ohoyo. Leslie Fuller Evans was named the Women's Most Valuable Player.

Men's Fichik Malatoh was the winner over Men's Fichik Cito with a final score of 7-4. Chris "Poncho" Willis was named the Men's Most Valuable Player.

Congratulations to the teams and MVP winners for a great game and thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed Nanih Waiya Day at the mound.

A special presentation was made to Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, center, during the post-game trophy presentation of the inaugural All-Star Stickball games on Aug. 9 at Warrior Stadium in Choctaw. For her continued support of the sport of stickball and the All-Star games, Anderson was presented an eagle feather by World Series Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben, right, and Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena Grace John.

Beginning of 2013-2014 School Year

Students in the Choctaw Tribal School system recently began classes on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. Parents, please make sure you have all the necessary documentation completed for your child(ren).

I encourage all students to get plenty of rest, eat healthy and nutritious foods and be attentive to your work in class. We look forward to seeing and hearing about great things from our Tribal students.

New Grant Funding

I am happy to report that my office recently received notifications on the renewal of the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

The $300,000 grant funds are currently being used to implement the Chahta Annopa Isht Aya project to train and certify Choctaw language instructors and produce language learning materials for teaching Choctaw language learning standards. This is important work our language department is engaged in through this funding.

Speaking our native language is an essential life skill that our young Choctaw children must learn to preserve our unique cultural identity and maintain this crucial part of our heritage for many generations to come. I thank all of the tribal employees who had a part in securing this funding and for those that are currently implementing this project.

My office also received notification of a new grant award through the Deepwater Horizon Economic Claims Administration – Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund in the amount of $180,050 to be used for cultural focused marketing and venue improvements for the Choctaw Indian Fairgrounds.

As we continue to grow our activities each year at the fair it is important that we not only share with the outside public the many cultural

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elements that are an important part of our Choctaw Indian Fair but also provide comfortable and appealing venues to display our proud Choctaw culture.

Again, I want to thank all those that were involved in writing this grant application and securing these new revenue sources for our tribe.

Upcoming Fall Activities

With the change in every season, there is always a new flurry of activities and fall is certainly a busy time on our Choctaw Indian Reservation.

In the upcoming months we have a number of events on the calendar including a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Choctaw Health Center, a ribbon cutting for the Choctaw Regional Maintenance Facility, the Cultural Center opening, Choctaw Central High School football, and Thanksgiving Feast. In next month's column I will share more information on these events.

As always, I look forward to sharing these special moments with our Choctaw people as we gather to celebrate progress for our tribe.

Closing

In closing, I want to once again thank everyone for a successful Choctaw Indian Fair. It was a great display of Choctaw culture through our social dancing, stickball, traditional foods, tribal arts and crafts and cultural displays. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy time with their families and friends during this yearly gathering. I know I always enjoy the opportunity to meet with tribal members.

Again, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and prayers as we make great strides in building stability, opportunities, and a better quality of life for our Choctaw people. I ask that you continue to remember me and each other in your daily thoughts and prayers. God has blessed us and we must always remember to give him all the glory and thanks!

Many blessings,

Phyliss J. Anderson,
Tribal Chief

CHOCTAW TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUMMARIES

New, re-elected council members sworn into office

On July 9, newly elected & re-elected members of the Choctaw Tribal Council were administered the oath of office by Secretary-Treasurer Cyrus Ben in the Tribal Council Hall in Choctaw. Pictured above, from left, are Ben, Ronnie Henry and Roderick Bell of Bogue Chitto, Joseph Wesley of Crystal Ridge, Troy Chickaway and Hilda Nickey of Conehatta, Dorothy Wilson of Tucker, Stella York Willis and Cheriena Ben of Pearl River, & Kevin Edwards of Standing Pine. Ronnie Henry was also selected as Vice-Chief, Cyrus Ben as Secretary-Treasurer & Richard Isaac as Committee Systems Coordinator.

The following ordinances & resolutions were submitted to the Choctaw Tribal Council for consideration. Listed below is a brief summary & action taken. Individuals wishing to request a resolution and/or its attachment must have a DOCUMENT REQUEST FORM completed & submitted to the Policy & Legislative Office. For more information, call 601-650-7486.

Special Call Meeting June 5, 2013

Resolution CHO 13-095, amend Ordinance 6, an ordinance to establish election rules and procedures of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, was ADOPTED 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, Ch. Ben, R. Briscoe, S. Clemmons Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, L. Parkerson, G. Shomake, H. Shumake, P. Steve, D. Thompson, & A. Wesley.*

(OPPOSED) *Cy. Ben.*

(ABSENT) *H. Ben & M. Ben.*

Regular Meeting Continued July 16, 2013

Resolution CHO 13-096, approving appointments to the Tribal Council committees and their chairs, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-097, approving the Choctaw Tribal School System's handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-098, establishing the Choctaw Language Instructor Certification Board and to confirm appointments to the board, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-099, transferring ownership of Tribal Housing rental units, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-100, donating Tribal surplus equipment, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-101, designating Tribal delegates to the National Indian Gaming Association, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-102, accepting an award from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of the Department of Justice for the benefit of the Choctaw Police Department, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-103, applying for a grant from the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-104, amending Title XV of the Choctaw Tribal Code, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-105, confirming the judicial appointment of Edwin R. Smith as Supreme Court Justice, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-106, confirming the judicial reappointment of Jeffrey T. Webb as Senior Judge in the Choctaw Civil Court, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

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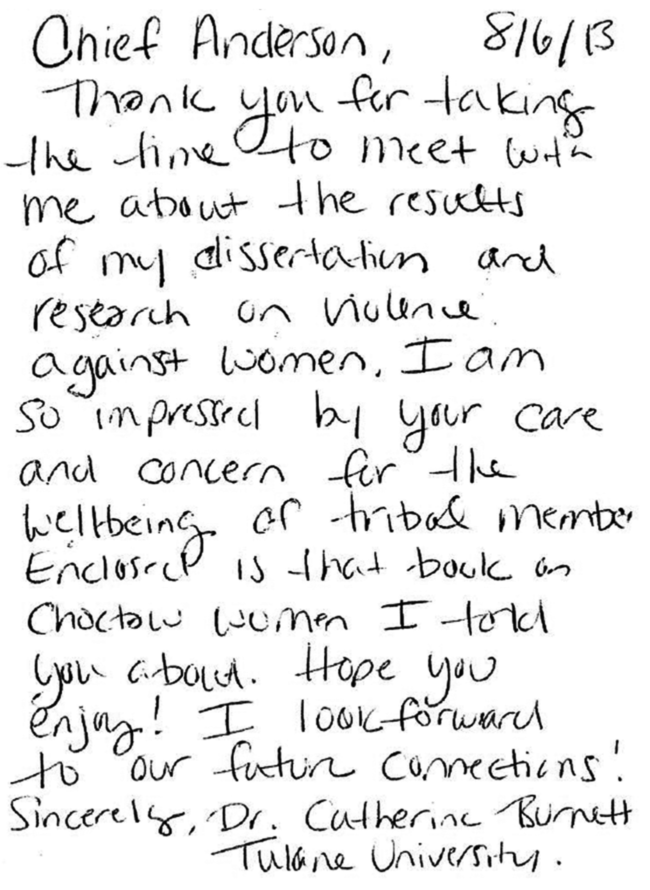
From The Mailbag


Chief Anderson, 8/6/13
Thank you for taking the time to meet with me about the results of my dissertation and research on violence against women. I am so impressed by your care and concern for the wellbeing of tribal member. Enclosed is that book on Choctaw women I told you about. Hope you enjoy! I look forward to our future connections!
Sincerely, Dr. Catherine Burnett
Tulane University.

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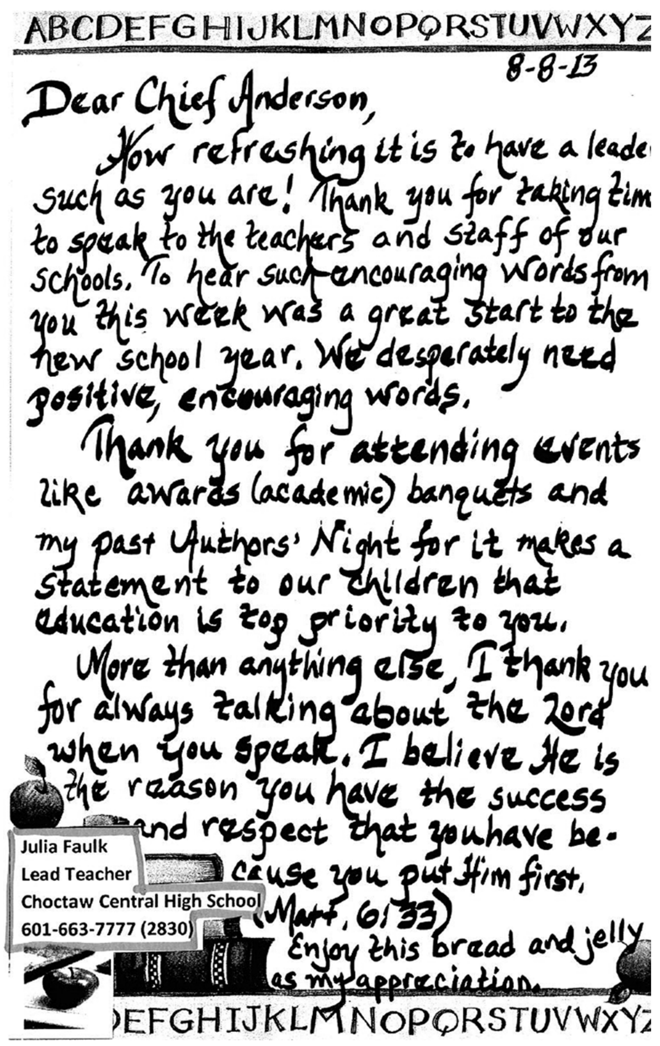
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8-8-13
Dear Chief Anderson,
How refreshing it is to have a leade such as you are! Thank you for taking tim to speak to the teachers and staff of our schools. To hear such encouraging words from you this week was a great start to the new school year. We desperately need positive, encouraging words.
Thank you for attending events like awards (academic) banquets and my past Authors' Night for it makes a statement to our children that education is top priority to you.
More than anything else, I thank you for always talking about the Lord when you speak. I believe He is the reason you have the success and respect that you have because you put Him first. (Matt. 6:33)
Enjoy this bread and jelly as my appreciation.
Julia Faulk
Lead Teacher
Choctaw Central High School
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(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-107, confirming the judicial reappointment of Christopher A. Collins as an Associate Judge in the Choctaw Civil Court, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-108, confirming the reappointment of Donna Denson as Peacemaker Judge to the Choctaw Tribal Courts, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-109, confirming the appointment of Rita Jones as Criminal Court Judge to the Choctaw Tribal Courts, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-110, adding the law firm of Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP to the list of approved attorneys, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-111, amending the list of attorneys authorized to perform legal services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-112, approving USDA financing to implement Resolution CHO 08-040, CHO 12-074 and CHO 12-075 for the Choctaw Health Facility Joint Venture, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-113, approving the execution of Trustmark National Bank documents to include an engagement letter, fee letter, term sheet of $50,000,000.00 construction loan and a term sheet for $10,000,000.00 permanent loan, all related to the financing of a new Choctaw Health Center, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L.*

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include spending time with her family and friends, traveling, meeting new people, and dancing traditional Choctaw social dances. Her favorite food is Indian tacos from the Williams' food stand.

Robin Marie Routh, the 16-year-old daughter of Maria Farmer and Robert Routh of the Pearl River Community, was selected First Alternate. She will be a junior this fall at Choctaw Central High School and plans to attend college and become a pediatrician. She was sponsored by the Choctaw Tribal Schools.

Onnahinli Deas Denson, the 18-year-old daughter of Holly Denson of the Standing Pine Community, was selected Second Alternate and written essay winner. A recent graduate of Choctaw Central High School, she will be attending Mississippi State University this fall. She was sponsored by Pearl River Resort.

Emily LeAnn Shoemake, the 17-year-old daughter of Gregory and Tracy Shoemake of the Conehatta Community, was selected Miss Photogenic. Her future plans are to attend Mississippi State University or an out-of-state college to study Veterinary Science. She was sponsored by Trustmark Bank.

Mariah Gail Lewis, the 18-year-old daughter of Annette Lewis and Barry Jim, Jr. of the Pearl River Community, was selected Miss Congeniality. A recent graduate of Choctaw Central High School, she will attend Haskell Indian Nations University and major in Sports Therapy. She was sponsored by the Pearl River Development Club.

During the pageant, contestants wore beautiful evening gowns and vibrant traditional Choctaw dresses as they showcased colorful, ornate beadwork and carried hand-woven Choctaw baskets. Contestants also responded to an on-stage interview question which ranged in topic from Choctaw culture to current events.

The prestigious title of Choctaw Indian Princess holds many responsibilities. The princess serves as an ambassador and travels across the country, many times with the Tribal Chief to promote awareness of the tribe.

McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.

Resolution CHO 13-114, amending the Administrative Personnel Policy and Procedures, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-115(B), amending a land lease from 1.0 acre to 5.0 acres for Ira Ben in the Pearl River Community, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-116(B), approving a land lease for Stonewall Baptist Indian Church in the Conehatta Community, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-117(B), approving a Right of Way Easement for ATT in the Pearl River Community for the new Choctaw Health Center, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-118(B), approving a Right of Way Easement for Central Electric Power Association in the Pearl River Community for the new Choctaw Regional Maintenance Facility, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-119(B), approving blood increase for previously enrolled Tribal members, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-120(B), approving Tribal enrollments, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-121, authorizing the Special Diabetes Program for Indians of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to apply to the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. for Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Funding, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-122, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the United South and Eastern Tribes-Vanderbilt University Native American Research Center for Health, and the Diabetes Program of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-123, authorizing Choctaw Tribal Court to apply for funding from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Special Call Meeting
August 13, 2013

Resolution CHO 13-124, approving FY 2014 Operating & Capital Budgets for Ordinance 56 Enterprises, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-125(B), requesting the Secretary of the Interior to place property in Leake County, Mississippi in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Anderson, R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

Resolution CHO 13-126(B), amending Resolution CHO 13-027(B) - regarding the purchase of property in the Tucker Community - was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

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Resolution CHO 13-127(B), approving a house site in the Conehatta Community, was ADOPTED 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

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Resolution CHO 13-128(B), approving a business lease in the Pearl River Community, was ADOPTED 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining.

(IN FAVOR) *R. Bell, Ch. Ben, Cy. Ben, H. Ben, M. Ben, R. Briscoe, T. Chickaway, S. Clemmons, Jr., K. Edwards, R. Henry, R. Isaac, L. McMillan, H. Nickey, J. Wesley, S. Willis, & D. Wilson.*

(ABSTAINING) *R. Anderson.*

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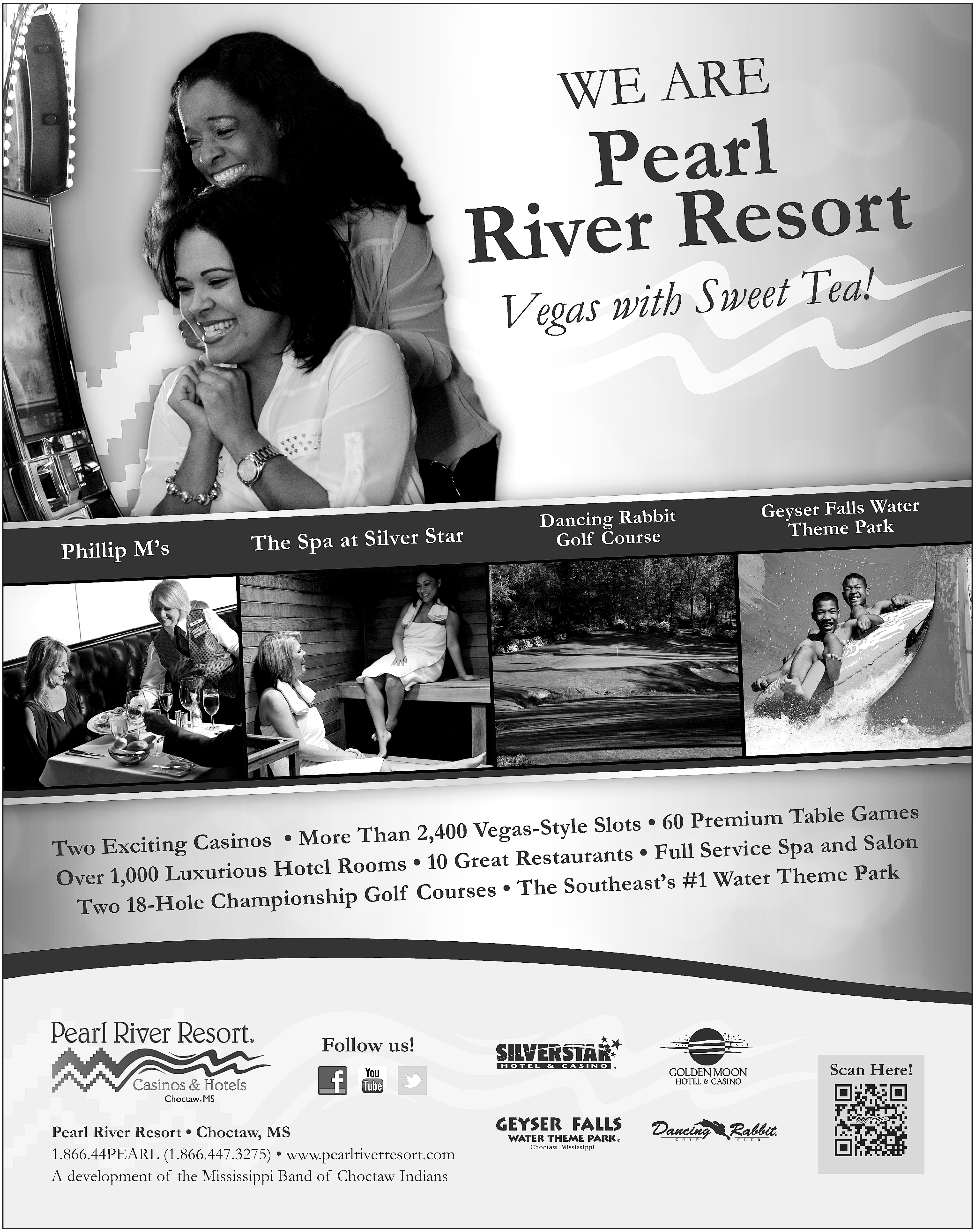
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USET, Inc. issues statement on passing of Tunica-Biloxi Chairman Earl J. Barbry, Sr.

Earl J. Barbry, Sr.
Tunica-Biloxi Chairman

(ALEXANDRIA, LA) - Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl J. Barbry, Sr. passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at CHRISTUS Saint Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana.

USET President Brian Patterson issued the following statement observing the passing of a USET Tribal leader:

"The hearts of the USET Nations are heavy and saddened on this day due to the passing of a beloved and treasured leader, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl J. Barbry, Sr. Our hearts, blessings, and prayers go out to Chairman Barbry's family and to the entire Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. Chairman Barbry has made a great and lasting impact on many Tribes and individuals in Indian Country. His leadership, vision, and passion to advance, strengthen, and rebuild Tribal Nations have set a shining example of unity, empowerment, and compassion.

While the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana is saddened by the loss of such a great leader, it is USET's hope that hearts and souls in Marksville, Louisiana and throughout Indian Country are warmed by the empowering legacy Chairman Barbry leaves. Our future generations will grow from his leadership, and his work and spirit will no doubt feed the next seven generations of American Indians. Our daily affirmations should include prayers to follow in his footsteps and build on his work.

The USET Tribal Nations stand today with the Earl J. Barbry, Sr. Family and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana to grieve the loss and celebrate the life of a great Tribal advocate, defender of American Indian sovereignty, humanitarian, and family man. Let us commit our prayers and medicine for his journey to unite with our ancestors. When the last tear is shed, USET Tribal Nations stand ready to wipe those tears away and rejoice in Chairman Barbry's legacy."

Funeral services were held on August 6 at the Mari Center at Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, LA.

During its Semi-Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY this past May, USET presented its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award to Chairman Barbry. As the first recipient, USET also named the honor the Earl J. Barbry, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award. During the presentation, many Tribal leaders gave their personal honors to his leadership and friendship. In addition to their quotes at the presentation, we have included remarks from Tribal leaders and government officials.

Tunica-Biloxi Vice Chairman Marshall Pierite: You made me believe. - *"You're (Barbry) a man with great vision. You had the vision to bring a casino to Marksville. I thought that would never happen. It's your influence and leadership that has taken us from a poverty stricken community. It has been you that has made a great impact on all of our people."*

Tunica-Biloxi Council Member Brenda Lintinger: The passing of Chairman Barbry is a thunderous silence. - *"He was my Chairman and the older brother I never had. He was a gift to the Tunica-Biloxi people. There will never be someone like him for us ever again. We are so broken hearted."*

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Council Member and former USET President Eddie Tullis: Chairman Barbry spoke softly and carried a big stick. - *"Earl is one of the quietest, yet most effective leaders in Indian Country. I remember my Tribe had not finalized the requirements to be federally recognized. Through great leadership of people like Earl the way was paved for our Tribe to attend USET as observers and learn. He and other Tribes knew we deserved recognition. I distinctly remember Earl saying things are going to get better for Indian people as we are developing a whole new generation of leaders. Chairman Barbry has solved a whole lot of problems but not overnight."*

Jena Band of Choctaw Tribal Chief B. Cheryl Smith: Chairman Barbry was a great influence and mentor to Tribal leaders. - *"You (Chairman Barbry) have grown Tunica-Biloxi over the years to what it is today. You are the best. You*

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USET releases statement on SC Supreme Court Order to remove Baby Veronica

United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) recently released a statement on the South Carolina Supreme Court Order to remove Veronica - Baby Girl from her Cherokee father, Dusten Brown. The following statement is given by USET President Brian Patterson:

"Let us take a moment to remember one of our greatest resources for a bright future, our children. Let us place our hearts and minds around them as we deal with the injustice that is happening with Baby Veronica. Removing a Native child from its safe and loving biological family and culture destroys the foundation of a Tribal Nation.

With its recent decision in the Baby Veronica case, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has weakened a law which Congress put in place as a core value to protect American Indian Children. While the SCOTUS decision did not dismantle the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), its decision had the real effect of narrowing its application.

USET views this as yet another item on a long list of efforts and actions that serve to chip away at our inherent sovereign rights that are core and fundamental to who we are as Tribal Nations.

In the aftermath of the South Carolina Supreme Court decision which separated Veronica from her biological family, without the benefit of a hearing to determine what is in the best interest of Veronica, Indian Country has once again been dealt a blow of injustice. This decision should send fear and sadness across Indian Country with the realization that our most precious resource, OUR CHILDREN, are no longer protected by ICWA to the extent they were prior to the decision.

USET calls upon all of Indian Country to send out your prayers and good medicine to the Dusten Brown family and the Cherokee Nation, who have fought to maintain custody of Veronica and the integrity of the Tribal family. Most importantly, let us send prayers and good medicine to Baby Veronica so that she will always have every opportunity to understand and be connected to her cultural heritage as a Cherokee Indian.

USET stands ready to support the Dusten Brown Family and the Cherokee Nation through future appeals and hearings as the fight continues for Baby Veronica to be raised by her Tribal family.

Indian Country has survived many attempts of removal and assimilation. This court decision is not about one child, rather, it is about the security of all Indian children and the resulting increased opportunity for their removal from our Native families and culture. Further, this court decision is about the future of our Tribal Nations, which rests in the wisdom and love we give to our children which is dependent upon our ability to prevent them from being unjustly taken away from our communities.

This is the time for all of our Tribal Nations to unite and cry out, because if we allow our children to be taken, we have no future. As Tribal Nations we must come Together to become Stronger so that we may Transcend this injustice."

CCHS Warriors fired up for 2013 football season

By Vince Nickey, Staff Writer

Despite going 4-6 last season, Choctaw Central High School Warriors head coach Troy Savell is optimistic about the team as they head into the 2013 football season.

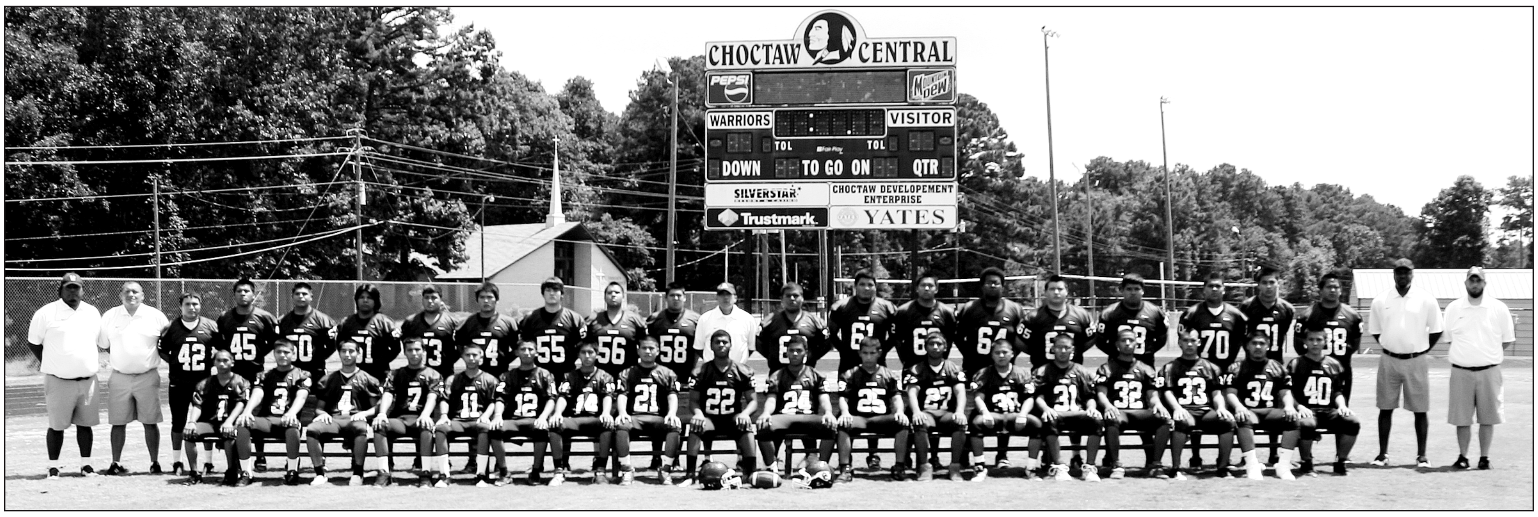
"They are showing a lot of fire and enthusiasm this season. We worked extra hard this summer, including our summer weight program as we averaged about 30 players attending each week," said Savell.

Nine starters are returning, compared to 13 players they had from last season.

"We have a lot of fresh, new players on the roster this year and we are anticipating lots of playing time for some of the more experience players as they will be playing multiple positions on both offensive and defensive sides," said Savell.

"Measuring up to our opponents won't be an easy task since we do not have as many three-hundred pounders as some of the teams we will be playing, but the Warriors are geared up and ready," Savell added.

Savell has served as the Warriors head coach for the past four years and has worked on the Choctaw Central coaching staff for a total of nine years.



Pictured above are members of the 2013 Choctaw Central High School Warriors and coaching staff.

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did a lot for other people. Even when we (Jena Band of Choctaw) needed it, you paid our airfare so we could participate in things like USET. I've learned a lot from you (Chairman Barbry)."

Former Coushatta Chairman Ernest Sickey, Sr.: Chairman Barbry was sharing and inspiring. - *"Earl you have given so much of your life. How can we ever repay it? When we first started out we had nothing. You have spoken the same language over the years when you first started until today. 'Give all you can to your people.' You have done that. You have always spoken the same language. Because of you there is hope."*

USET Executive Director Kitcki Carroll: The impact of Chairman Barbry's great work can't be measured. - *"If the measure of a man's life is the footprints he leaves behind in the lives of those he met along his journey, we can all find comfort as we mourn knowing that Chairman Barbry is walking on having gifted the world with immeasurable impact to so many."*

Indian Health Service Nashville Office Area Director Martha A. Ketcher: IHS Staff saddened by the loss of Chairman Barbry. - *"On behalf of the IHS, we are very saddened by this news. We have lost a strong advocate for Indian health issues. This is a significant loss for Indian Country. We extend our heartfelt prayers to his friends and family."*

Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office Director Franklin Keel: Let's draw strength from Chairman Barbry as we move forward. - *"The staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office mourns the loss of a strong and well regarded leader, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl Barbry, Sr. Chairman Barbry's leadership, vision, and courage contributed to the strengthening of his Tribe and inspired many others. We should all draw great strength from his legacy as we seek to move all Tribes forward with the same spirit as Earl J. Barbry, Sr."*

Chairman Barbry was elected Tribal Chairman in 1978 and was appointed as Tribal Administrator that same year. Barbry has served in these capacities to this day.

Under his leadership amazing changes have taken place. Where once there were barren fields and wooded areas with a few shanties scattered about, one may now see a unique and modern housing development, Tribal Administrative Office, a Health Department and Social Services Office, Gaming Board and Gaming Commission Office, and Tribal Police and Court Building.

Tribal landholdings have also significantly increased during Barbry's tenure as Chairman. During his leadership the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana received federal recognition in September of 1981.

Barbry is a nationally known American Indian leader, serving on the board of the United South and Eastern Tribes, representing federally acknowledged Tribes from Louisiana to Maine. He also had a leadership role in the Louisiana Inter-Tribal Council, an organization that serves federal and state-recognized Indian communities.

Barbry is descended from a long unbroken line of Tunica-Biloxi chiefs. His grandfather, Elijah Barbry was the first activist chief in Louisiana to attempt to get a federal response to the needs of the Louisiana Indian people.

Under Barbry's leadership, the Tunica-Biloxi repatriated artifacts looted from their 18th century cemetery near St. Francisville. A court action initiated from Tunica-Biloxi helped build the foundation for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Chairman Barbry has overseen the construction of major housing developments, paved roads, Tribal center, court complex, welfare office, a hotel-casino recreation complex, and a new multi-million dollar cultural and education center.

Barbry was named the recipient of the Avoyellean (A-VOY-EL-E-UHN) of the Year Award in 1993 by the Avoyelles Journal, the highest award given in the parish. In 1996, the Marksville Chamber of Commerce named him Minority Businessman of the Year. He received the 2005 Leadership Award of the National Indian Gaming Association.

In 2006, he was named a Louisiana Legend by Louisiana Public Broadcasting in recognition of his cultural, educational and economic contributions to the region and the state. He was the first American Indian to receive this honor.

In December 2011 Chairman Barbry was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by Northwestern State University during its fall commencement exercises.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Kelone Barbry, two sons, Earl, Jr. and Joey, along with two grandchildren, Alexis and Annabelle, which he considered his greatest legacy.

Savell is assisted this season by his knowledgeable coaching staff. Anthony Thames serves as receivers/defensive backs coach; Daniel Thomas serves as offensive/defensive line coach; Edward Routh serves as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator; and Jerod "Taco" Thompson serves as offensive/defensive line coach.

This season, the Warriors will once again face tough competition in non-division and division contests.

The Warriors will participate in a jamboree at Noxapater on Aug. 16 and open up the season at Leake Central on Aug. 23. The Warriors then travel to Union on Aug. 30.

In their first home game of the season on Sept. 6, the Warriors host Cherokee, N.C. in the annual Battle of the Nations contest. The Warriors then host West Lauderdale on Sept. 13 before going back on the road to Newton on Sept. 20.

In a Thursday night contest on Sept. 26, the Warriors host Enterprise before traveling to Southeast Lauderdale to open division play on Oct. 4.

Choctaw Central hosts homecoming on Oct. 11 against Heidelberg. They then travel to Philadelphia on Oct. 18 then come back home for Senior Night on Oct. 25 against Raleigh. Choctaw Central wraps up division play at Forest on Nov. 1.

"We are ready and serious about our program and we will be meeting them head-on," said Savell.

Win or lose, the Warriors are fired up and ready for a tough, challenging season ahead.

CHOCTAW CENTRAL JUNIOR VARSITY READY FOR THE 2013 SEASON

Junior varsity football is seen as the transition from middle school to the high school level. Coach Jerod "Taco" Thompson will have an opportunity to prepare young talent for the next level with conditioning and techniques as Thompson says it's important to teach basic fundamentals of football with an emphasis on blocking and tackling.

"Experienced players should be improved on what they've been taught in middle school and we're relying on them to help give pointers to the first timers on the team," said Thompson.

Thompson will have players from last season's eighth grade team that went undefeated with a 5-0 record and newcomers to make up this year's team.

"Our experienced and talented group of eighth graders performed well in 2012. We are proud of their achievement and hope to carry that momentum to this year's junior varsity squad. We'll be facing a lineup of bigger schools and we're anxiously ready to deliver our skills," Thompson said.

A new season brings new challenges to any team, but Thompson feels the vital recipe for a football program is knowledge, training, self-discipline, and teamwork, which will go a long way towards a successful season.

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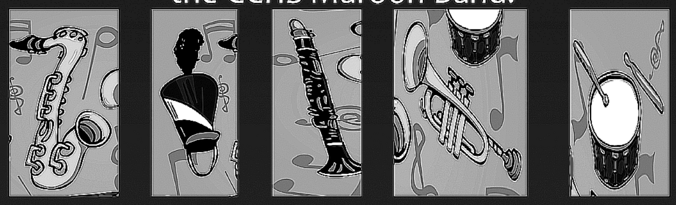


CHOCTAW CENTRAL WARRIORS 2013 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	
Fri., Aug. 16	Noxapater (Jamboree)	Away
Fri., Aug. 23	Leake Central (Classic)	Away
Fri., Aug. 30	Union	Away
Fri., Sept. 6	Cherokee, N.C.	Home
Fri., Sept. 13	West Lauderdale	Home
Fri., Sept. 20	Newton	Away
Thurs., Sept. 26	Enterprise	Home
Fri., Oct. 4	S.E. Lauderdale*	Away
Fri., Oct. 11	Heidelberg* (HC)	Home
Fri., Oct. 18	Philadelphia*	Away
Fri., Oct. 25	Raleigh* (Sr. Night)	Home
Fri., Nov. 1	Forest*	Away

All games start at 7:00 p.m. ***Division Game**

JR. VARSITY, 7TH/8TH GRADE 2013 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	
Tues., Aug. 27	Sebastopol	Home
Tues., Sept. 3	Leake Central	Away
Mon., Sept. 9	Newton	Away
Tues., Sept. 17	Kemper County	Home
Tues., Sept. 24	OPEN	
Tues., Oct. 1	Philadelphia	Home
Tues., Oct. 8	Forest	Away
Tues., Oct. 15	Newton County	Away

CHOCTAW CENTRAL LADY WARRIORS SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2013

AUG 10	@ Neshoba Central Jamboree	TBA
AUG 17	@ Kosciusko Classic (2 games)	TBA
AUG 20	Louisville	5:00JV/6:00V
AUG 22	Meridian	5:00JV/6:00V
AUG 24	@ Leake Central Tourney (2 games)	TBA
AUG 27	@ Meridian	5:00JV/6:00V
AUG 29	Sebastopol	5:00JV/6:00V
SEPT 3	@ Sebastopol	4:00V
SEPT 5	Forest	5:00JV/6:00V
SEPT 7	@ Meridian Tourney (2 games)	TBA
SEPT 9	@ Raleigh	5:00JV/6:00V
SEPT 10	Leake Central	5:00JV/6:00V
SEPT 14	@ New Albany Tourney (3 games)	TBA
SEPT 17	Velma Jackson*	4:00JV/5:30V
SEPT 21	@ Houston Tourney (2 games)	TBA
SEPT 24	SE Lauderdale*	5:00JV/6:00V
SEPT 26	@ Louisville	5:00JV/6:00V
OCT 1	Philadelphia*	5:00JV/6:00V
OCT 3	Kosciusko	5:00JV/6:00V
OCT 8	@ SE Lauderdale*	5:00JV/6:00V
OCT 10	@ Philadelphia*	5:00JV/6:00V

***District Game** **Oct 3 - Senior Night**

NASA tourneys held in Choctaw Aug. 8-10

By Kathie Henry, Staff Writer

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians played host to this year's Native American Sports Association (NASA) slow-pitch softball tournaments Aug. 8-10.

Championship games were held at the Pearl River Recreation Field and the Choctaw Central High School softball field.

Coming away with the women's division championship was Lady MVP of Seminole, Fla. as they beat Insanity of Choctaw, Miss. 12-0.

Sneaky Creek of Atmore, Ala. won the men's division championship with a 22-16 victory over the Indians of Choctaw.

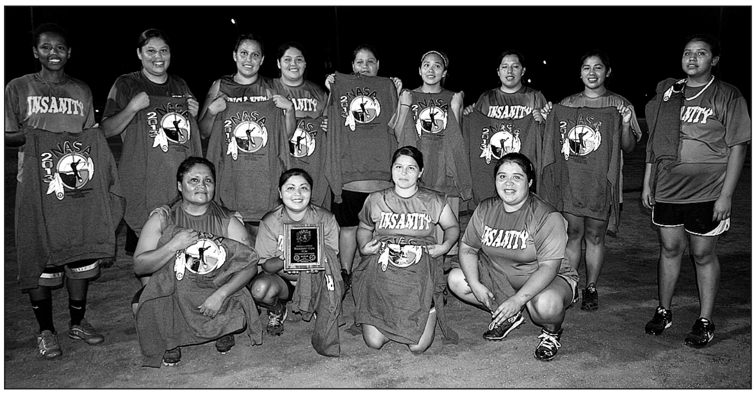
Two teams from Choctaw, the Legend Players and Chahta Express, battled for the women's 40-over division championship with the Legends coming out on top with a close 7-5 win.

Native Sports of Choctaw claimed the men's 40-over division championship with a victory over the Bulls of Choctaw 14-8.

INDIANS were runner-up in the men's division. Team members include (in no order) Jason Grisham, Tommy Sherman, Adam Lewis, Justin Willis, Curt Chapman, Doug Chapman, Sty Wilcat, Chad Lewis, Satchell Willis, Gabriel Bell, Lucas Thomas, Karlan Hickman, Brian Frazier, Anslem Henry, Dustin Lewis, & Marty Briscoe.

LADY MVP was champion of the women's division. Team members include (in no order) Stephanie Harjochee, Saharra Henson, Maci Lewis, Kristen Mcgirt, Arla Shawnee, Lucinda Rothers, Mary Huff, Charity Waller, Elishia Thompson, Brittany Overstreet, Takisha Welch, & Jeannie Oocuwna. Coaches were Stephaie Harjochee & Anthony Harjochee.

RIGHT, *LEGEND PLAYERS were champion of the women's 40-over division. Team members include (in no order) Nancy Willis, Angela Hundley, Norma Willis, Mary Jim, Anita Wallace, Melissa Bell (Hickman), Clara Jim, Caroline Dixon, Karene Jefferson, Pearline Willis, Anita Darlene Farmer, Angela Farmer, Coach Magda Bell, & Coach Susan Steve.*



INSANITY was runner-up in the women's division. Team members include (in no order) Kecia Bell, April Bell, Tiara Logan, Missy Bell, Shanise Steve, Melaney Nickey, Sharla King, Laka Anderson, Tiffani Briscoe, Winter Lewis, Lisa Bell, Tiffany Thomas, Breanna Vaughn, Charmaye Lewis, & Johnita Conrad. Coaches were Robert Briscoe & Bobby Henry.

RIGHT, *CHAHTA EXPRESS were runner-up in the women's 40-over division. Team members include (in no order) Sally R. Wesley, Ruthie Bell, Laura Chickaway, Glenda Denson, Charlene Sam, Brenda Bell, Lana Denson, Sylvia Johnson, Joy Alex, Wendy Clegg, Vanessa Smith, Wanda Davidson, Barbara L. Wesley, Phyliss Hudson, Coach Loriann Ahshapanek, & Coach Trina Jim.*

SNEAKY CREEK was champion of the men's division. Team members include (in no order) Micheal Rolin, Jeremy Odom, Chad Odom, Marshall Rolin, Mitchell Rolin, Stevie Carpenter, John O'Barr, Trent Flowers, Corey Flowers, Trent Freeman, Dillion Rolin, Christopher Wayne Johnson, Trevor Daughtry, Brian Ledkins, & Jimmy Boyington. Coaches were Melvin Rolin & Jeremy Odom.

RIGHT, *NATIVE SPORTS was champion of the men's 40-over division. Team members include (in no order) Larry Howard, Beasley Willis, Sam John, Gaylon Williams, Tommy Sherman, Sty Wildcat, Laverne Nickey, Shelby Peoples, Jerome Jefferson, Rick Smith, Harlan Bell, Carl Hickman, coach Bob Briscoe, McKinley Steve, & Vincent Smith.*

RIGHT, *BULLS were runner-up in the men's 40-over division. Team members include, front row from left, Thomas Ben, Donovan McMillan, Coach Ray Willis, Mike Allen; back row, Deric Sam, Ricky Alex, Ron York, Carlton Isaac, & John Wawahsuck. Not pictured are Pat Tubby, Shane York & Vince Wilson.*

Stickball teams, tribal officials participate in Unity Walk in Choctaw

Players representing Choctaw stickball teams converged in Choctaw on Saturday, June 29 to participate in the Special Diabetes Program for Indians' 7th Annual Unity Walk.

The event, held prior to the World Series Stickball tournaments during the Choctaw Indian Fair, recognizes and promotes diabetes awareness across the Choctaw Reservation.

Stickball players and their coaches from various communities ran from their respective practice fields to the parking lot of the Choctaw Central High School baseball field. Once all teams gathered, participants, along with tribal leaders and drummers, walked together to the Pearl River Amphitheater. Attendees were urged to become educated on diabetes prevention and management to overcome the devastating effects of diabetes.

Beaver Dam regains stickball title with 4-3 OT win over Koni Hata

Beaver Dam regained the World Series Stickball men's championship with a 4-3 sudden death overtime win over reigning champion Koni Hata July 13 at Warrior Stadium in Choctaw to conclude activities of the 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair.

With over two and a half minutes into overtime, Dustin Isaac of Beaver Dam found himself at the right place at the right time and scored the biggest shot of his young career. Since Isaac got knocked down while making his shot, he said he didn't know he scored until he heard the instant celebration that erupted afterwards.

"It was crowded. I saw the ball pop out, picked it up and threw it over my shoulder and let it ride. I got hit and didn't see it, but the ball hit the pole and everybody started celebrating," said Isaac. "We had to bring it back home for the players we lost over the years and it means a lot to me. It's a pretty emotional win."

It was Beaver Dam's fourth title in six years and 10 consecutive appearance in the finals. Since 1981, they have won 12 overall titles.

"It's always good to win, no matter how many times you win. It feels good," said Beaver Dam head coach Mark Willis, Sr. "We told each other we needed to play hard. The players talked among themselves about what to do and it paid off."

Koni Hata, gunning for their third consecutive title and 24th overall since 1959, got on the board first with Jason Grisham's goal 3:19 in the first.

Beaver Dam tied the game in the second with Kyle John's goal at the 10:45 mark.

Scotty Nickey scored for Koni Hata 13:10 in the third but John scored again for Beaver Dam at the 10:13 mark for a 2-2 tie.

Beaver Dam's Joey Thomas scored 5:40 in the fourth for a 3-2 lead. With time winding down, Koni Hata got on the board with Shawn Shoemake's goal with :38 seconds remaining in the contest for a 3-3 tie and overtime.

"Like the old ones always say, if you go down pick yourself back up. That's what we are going to do, pick ourselves back up," said Koni Hata head coach Craig Anderson. "We'll be back and we'll be the ones raising the trophy next year. I promise."

Mark Willis, Jr. of Beaver Dam was selected as Most Valuable Player of the series.

Beaver Dam celebrates at midfield as Dustin Isaac made the winning in sudden death overtime. Making their 10th consecutive appearance in the finals, Beaver Dam claimed their fourth title in the past six years.

"It was tough. There are a lot of great players out here, but for me to stand out, I did what I had to do," said Willis. "It was more than a redemption game, it was for our fallen players so it was made sweeter beating Koni Hata and getting MVP is the icing on the cake."

World Series Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben commented on both team's skills and sportsmanship.

"This is the type of game you want to watch. Everybody was under control and it was just awesome. As far as sportsmanship and skill, skill level was high. This was one of the better games I have ever seen. It was real good," Ben said.

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WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMPION - BIHHI AYASHA

MEN'S 35-OVER DIVISION CHAMPION - BOK CITO

2013 STICKBALL MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Presenting MVP honors were Chief Phyliss J. Anderson & 2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John.

Men's Division MVP
Mark Willis, Jr. - Beaver Dam

Women's Division MVP
Breanna Vaughn - Bihhi Ayasha

Men's 35-Over Division MVP
Elijah Jimmie - Bok Cito

Youth - Tulli Okchi Ishko MVP
Sherman Bell - Beaver Dam

Youth - Pushmataha MVP
Merrick Hickman - Beaver Dam

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Team sportsmanship awards were also presented to the Unified and Nanih Waiya men's teams and Lady Beaver Dam and Nanih Waiya Ohoyo women's teams.

Other Championship Results

On Tuesday, July 9, Bok Cito defeated Red Clay Hills 1-0 to claim the men's 35-over division championship. Elijah Jimmie scored the lone point of the contest (1st quarter, 9:38) and named series MVP.

In the women's division, Bihhi Ayasha defeated reigning champion Koni Hata Ohoyo 2-1. Scoring for Bihhi Ayasha were Alicia Wahwasuck (2nd quarter, 0:21) and Ahinah Bacon (3rd quarter, 5:05). Latricia Martin scored the lone point for Koni Hata Ohoyo (1st quarter, 4:58). Breanna Vaughn of Bihhi Ayasha was named series MVP.

Beaver Dam teams swept the youth division championships on Saturday afternoon, July 13. In the Tulli Okchi Ishko Division (ages 14-17), Beaver Dam defeated the Warriors 2-1. Sherman Bell was named series MVP.

In the Pushmataha Division (ages 10-13), Beaver Dam defeated Bok Cito 3-2. Merrick Hickman was named series MVP.

2013 WORLD SERIES STICKBALL SCORING RECAP: MEN'S DIVISION

Game #1 (7/1)
Pearl River 13, Bok Homma 0
PR - Gerrard McMillan (1st, 10:28); Delanie Hickman (1st, 4:07; 2nd, 13:19); James Lewis, Jr. (1st, 4:31); Camron Jimmie (1st, 2:35); Shaun Jimmie (2nd, 9:13 & 5:44); Ricky John (2nd, 3:10); Robert Garcia (2nd, 0:39); Neal Cotton (3rd, 11:50); Raymond Wilson (3rd, 7:47); Alex McMillan (3rd, 4:36); & Trey Lilly (3rd, 0:14).

Game #2 (7/1)
Unified 5, Nanih Waiya 4
U - Shawn Thomas (1st, 10:36); Todd Jim (1st, 5:58); Rocky Isom (2nd, 4:10; 4th, 10:44); & Roderick Anderson (3rd, 9:09).
NW - Steven Wallace (1st, 4:00); Luke Allen, Jr. (2nd, 13:47); Rocky Clemmons (2nd, 5:30); & Michael Buffalomeat (3rd, 12:31).

Game #3 (7/3)
Koni Hata 16, Okla Hannali (OK) 0
KH - Jason Grisham (1st, 14:23 & 11:24); Jay Shoemake (1st, 13:40 & 13:23); & Dale Phillips, Jr. (1st, 7:18); Scorers unavailable after 1st.

Game #4 (7/3)
Tucker 9, Tiak Hikiya 1
T - Julian Willis (1st, 1:14; 2nd, 11:45); Timothy Frazier (2nd, 4:17); #2 Name Unavailable (2nd, 4:26); Dakota Jefferson (2nd, 1:50); Bill Farmer (3rd, 7:30); Shaun McMillan (3rd, 3:29); Corey Bell (3rd, 1:53); & Djon John (3rd, 0:57).
TH - Peter Sockey (3rd, 5:23).

Game #5 (7/5)
Warriors 6, MS Chahta 2
W - Gerren Isaac (1st, 3:49); Raven Chapman (1st, 2:02); Antoniel Thomas, Jr. (2nd, 12:25; 3rd, 5:51); Ricky Thompson, Jr. (3rd, 13:41); Rian Willis (4th, 3:21).
MC - Galan John (2nd, 9:16); & Marlon Bell (4th, 12:32).

Game #6 (7/5)
Bok Cito 10, Tushka Homma (OK) 0
BC - Casey Bigpond (1st, 13:23; 2nd, 9:32); Bracey Billie (1st, 12:43); Ricky Mingo (1st, 1:56); Cain Chickaway (1st, 1:16); Perceson Farve (2nd, 12:20); Michael Morris (2nd, 7:10); Braxton Amos (3rd, 13:43); Leslie Morris (3rd, 10:43); & Robbie Farmer (3rd, 4:48).

Game #7 (7/6)
Beaver Dam def. War Eagles (forfeit).

Game #8 (7/6)
Oka Homma def. Nukoachi (forfeit).

Game #9 (7/8)
Pearl River 5, Unified 4
PR - Robert Garcia (2nd, 11:23, 5:17 & 1:20); Ricky John (2nd, 5:58); & Shawn Jimmie (4th, 1:20).
U - Rocky Isom (2nd, 12:39 & 5:23; 3rd, 12:53); & Roderick Anderson (2nd, 11:19).

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YOUTH (14-17) TULLI OKCHI ISHKO DIVISION CHAMPION - BEAVER DAM

YOUTH (10-13) PUSHMATAHA DIVISION CHAMPION - BEAVER DAM

Game #10 (7/9)
Koni Hata 5, Tucker 1
KH - Dayleon Phillips (1st, 9:38); Scotty Nickey (1st, 3:59); Jason Grisham (2nd, 7:36); Marcon Wickson (2nd, 8:41); & Joey Stephens (4th, 2:07).
T - Michael Bell (3rd, 2:24).

Game #11 (7/9)
Bok Cito 2, Warriors 0
BC - Wind Solomon (1st, 1:18); & Leslie Morris (2nd, 11:43).

Game #12 (7/10)
Beaver Dam 6, Oka Homma 1
BD - Dustin Isaac (1st, 12:46; 3rd, 10:56); & Matthew Bell (2nd, 14:30 & 9:34; 3rd, 12:34 & 7:05).
OH - Todd Bell (2nd, 12:31).

Game #13 (7/11)
Koni Hata 8, Pearl River 1
KH - Josh Thomas (1st, 6:41); Dale Phillips, Jr. (1st, 0:55); #44 Name Unavailable (2nd, 8:45); Jason Grisham (2nd, 5:33; 3rd, 12:49); Frankie Garcia (3rd, 7:02; 4th, 10:21); & Dayleon Phillips (4th, 9:15).
PR - Neal Cotton (3rd, 10:58).

Game #14 (7/12)
Beaver Dam 2, Bok Cito 0
BD - Jerome Steve (2nd, 8:53); & Matthew Bell (4th, 5:48).

FINALS (7/13)
Beaver Dam 4, Koni Hata 3 (OT)
BD - Kyle John (2nd, 10:45; 3rd, 10:13); Joey Thomas (4th, 5:40); & Dustin Isaac (OT).
KH - Jason Grisham (1st, 3:19); Scotty Nickey (3rd, 13:10); & Shawn Shoemake (4th, 0:38).

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Game #1 (7/1)
Oka Homma Ohoyo 8, Tucker Ohoyo 3
OHO - Cecilia Willis (1st, 8:03; 4th, 7:24 & 0:34); Ashley Edwards (1st, 1:13; 3rd, :01); Pandora Sockey (3rd, 6:54 & 5:54); & Tiffany Kopaddy (4th, 4:06).
TO - Coby Wallace (2nd, 8:41; 3rd, :43); & Cheyenne Wallace (4th, 7:23).

Game #2 (7/1)
Koni Hata Ohoyo 3, Lady War Eagles 0
KHO - Dee Johnson (1st, 4:28); Denielle Phillips (1st, 3:31); & Alicia Jefferson (1st, 7:21).

Game #3 (7/3)
Bihhi Ayasha 7, Lady Warriors 1
BA - Brittny Morris (1st, 1:22); Brandi Farve (2nd, 8:52; 4th, 4:53 & 4:33); Ahinah Bacon (2nd, 6:42); Chantay Frazier (3rd, 4:50); & Alicia Wahwasuck (4th, 5:43).
LW - Johnita Conrad (4th, 7:33).

Game #4 (7/3)
Nanih Waiya Ohoyo 3, Tiak Hikiya 1
NWO - Kate Chickaway (1st, 5:31); Keshia Clemmons (2nd, 1:15) & Mariah Lewis (4th, 4:40).
TH - Tilla Thomas (2nd, 5:43).

Game #5 (7/5)
Oka Homma Ohoyo 3, Natives 1
OHO - Heather Tangle (3rd, 6:33); Tiffany Kopaddy (3rd, 4:23); & Pandora Sockey (4th, 5:47).
N - Mirah Johnson (2nd, 4:51).

Game #6 (7/5)
Koni Hata Ohoyo 9, Bok Cito Ohoyo 0
KHO - Zenetta Williams (1st, 12:43 & 4:29); LaSheena Williamson (1st, 8:20); Marie Wilson (1st, 6:54); Willa Thomas (1st, 0:33); Dee John (2nd, 9:09); Priscilla Williams (2nd, 10:52); Erica Phillips (2nd, 1:43); & Imelia Chickaway (3rd, 6:10).

Game #7 (7/6)
Bihhi Ayasha 4, Lady Beaver Dam 0
BA - Leslie Fuller (2nd, 7:07; 3rd, 8:05 & 2:11); Kristen Steve (4th, 3:18).

Game #8 (7/6)
Tali Ohoyo 6, Nanih Waiya Ohoyo 0
TO - Taren Wallace (1st, 6:01); Elisa York (2nd, 8:10); Shanita Morris (2nd, 6:49); #7 Name Unavailable (3rd, 8:31); Laquita King (3rd, 2:40); Carol Perkins (4th, 8:41).

Game #9 (7/8)
Koni Hata Ohoyo 1, Oka Homma Ohoyo 0
KH - Zenetta Williams (2nd, 2:42).

Game #10 (7/8)
Bihhi Ayasha 3, Tali Ohoyo 2
BA - Alexandria York (1st, 4:31); Samihah Jim (2nd, 2:37); Alecia Wahwasuck (4th, 5:14).
TO - Charmayne Lewis (1st, 8:40 & 3:31).

FINALS (7/9)
Bihhi Ayasha 2, Koni Hata Ohoyo 1
BA - Alicia Wahwasuck (2nd, 0:21); & Ahinah Bacon (3rd, 5:05).
KHO - Latricia Martin (1st, 4:58).

MEN'S 35-OVER DIVISION

Game #1 (7/5)
Bok Cito 3, Koni Hata 2
BC - Amilcar Williams (2nd, 4:29); Van Morris (3rd, 7:29); & Robbie Farmer (4th, 7:40).
KH - Chris King (1st, 6:19); & Lamo Johnson (2nd, 8:20).

Game #2 (7/5)
Tucker def. Beaver Dam (forfeit).

Game #3 (7/6)
Legends def. 16 Pow Wow (Scores Unavailable)

Game #4 (7/6)
Red Clay Hills def. Oka Homma (Scores Unavailable)

Game #5 (7/8)
Bok Cito 3, Tucker 1
BC - Cyril Amos (3rd, 8:32); Carl Hickman (4th, 8:32); & Joey Morris (4th, 1:36).
T - Bill Farmer (3rd, 2:21).

Game #6 (7/8)
Red Clay Hills 4, Legends 1
RCH - Chris Thomas (2nd, 3:07); Delanie Hickman (3rd, 9:23, 0:41 & 0:01).
L - Ross Bell, Jr. (1st, 8:41).

FINALS (7/9)
Bok Cito 1, Red Clay Hills 0
BC - Elijah Jimmie (1st, 9:38).

2013 REZ RUN RESULTS

The 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair featured the second REZ RUN on Saturday, July 13 in Choctaw. Avid runners from throughout the region participated in either a one-mile run/walk, a 5K or 10K road race through the Choctaw Indian fairgrounds and Choctaw Reservation.

Overall winners in the 5K run were: (female) Hanna Reese of Brandon with a time of 20:04; and (male) Dale Griffin of Pearl with a time of 17:36.

Overall winners of the 10K run were: (female) Meggan Franks of Starkville with a time of 40:32; and (male) Augustine Pete Kazery of Jackson with a time of 35:03.

Listed below is the order and time of particicipants in their respective age categories.

5K RESULTS

FEMALE OVERALL
Hannah Reese of Brandon (20:04).

MALE OVERALL
Dale Griffin of Pearl (17:36).

FEMALE AGES 1-14
1st, Taylor Ben of Philadelphia (27:25);
2nd, Darien Tubby of Choctaw (27:25);
3rd, Lucy Hardy of Lawrence, KS (27:52);
4th, Hailey Williams of Philadelphia (31:31);
5th, Cyrenity Hardy of Lawrence, KS (31:40);
6th, Leilani Wesley of Walnut Grove (35:51);
7th, Natalie Dreifuss of Philadelphia (41:11);
8th, Jocelyn Wesley of Walnut Grove (41:39);
9th, Ahnaya Williams of Conehatta (42:23);
10th, Caitlyn Kelly of Fulton (52:09);
11th, Essence Harjo of Anadarko, OK (1:02:10).

MALE AGES 1-14
1st, Taylor Cotton of Philadelphia (21:39);
2nd, Rey Barragan of Carthage (22:35);
3rd, Immanuel Jimmie of Philadelphia (23:33);
4th, Jeb Stuart of Philadelphia (23:40);
5th, Ethan Crain of Forest (26:15);
6th, Kashton Grisham of Carthage (30:23)
7th, Keyunte Fuller of Philadelphia (32:42);
8th, Jakob Waiter of Choctaw (33:29);
9th, Keithan Billy of Carthage (33:59);
10th, Kearson Grishman of Carthage (38:13);
11th, Brandon Chung of Memphis, TN (41:16);
12th, Kelly Josh of Fulton (48:34);
13th, Isaiah Chickaway of Choctaw (49:50);
14th, Dason King of Conehatta (50:29);
15th, Jordan Sandoval of Anadarko, OK (54:20).

FEMALE AGES 15-19
1st, Kyree Bell of Choctaw (21:43);
2nd, Alex Adams of Athens, GA (27:11);
3rd, Jashaunique Steve of Choctaw (27:44);
4th, Maya Hickman of Choctaw (27:47);
5th, Kaley McMillan of Conehatta (33:59);
6th, Shaye Scott of Walnut Grove (34:48);
7th, Kaylan Gibson of Walnut Grove (36:28);
8th, Aly McLain of Philadelphia (57:21).

MALE AGES 15-19
1st, Benjamin Guyette of Philadelphia (20:36);
2nd, Peyton Williamson of Philadelphia (21:52);
3rd, Jordan Henry of Philadelphia (22:21);
4th, Keaton Taylor of Philadelphia (22:36);
5th, Cody Pearson of Sanford, FL (23:34);
6th, Harvey McMillan, Jr. of Conehatta (25:02);
7th, Elias Jimmie of Philadelphia (35:31).

FEMALE AGES 20-29
1st, Kate McCann of Walnut Grove (27:01);
2nd, Ahinah Bacon of Philadelphia (28:11);
3rd, Kendra Anderson of Conehatta (28:59);
4th, Angela Beem of Carthage (32:21);
5th, Elyse Willis of Philadelphia (32:42);
6th, Mallory Anderson of Conehatta (32:45);
7th, Melissa McCraw of Hattiesburg (32:59);
8th, Brittany James of Collinsville (34:17);
9th, Tia Anderson of Philadelphia (36:10);
10th, Casey Willis of Choctaw (39:39);
11th, Mallory Weeks of

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Sallis (46:52);
12th, Jodi Boatner of Philadelphia (47:37);
13th, Delia Gibson of Choctaw (51:22).

MALE AGES 20-29
1st, Justin Butler of Philadelphia (24:25);
2nd, Skip Hulsey of Suwanee, GA (25:05);
3rd, William Meruvia of Philadelphia (26:50);
4th, Willard Bacon, Jr. of Philadelphia (27:41);
5th, Skyler Jimmie of Philadelphia (37:30).

FEMALE AGES 30-39
1st, Jennifer Temple of Collinsville (24:25);
2nd, Angela Fulton of Philadelphia (26:55);
3rd, Renita Willis of Philadelphia (30:15);
4th, Leslie Coffee of Shawnee, OK (33:54);
5th, Michelle Tangle of Carthage (34:45);
6th, Roberta Taylor of Carthage (35:49);
7th, Angie Jim of Philadelphia (38:07);
8th, Melinda Jimmie of Choctaw (39:04);
9th, Allison Boatner of Philadelphia (47:37);
10th, Amber Ward of Philadelphia (53:58).
11th, Attalia Amos of Choctaw (54:15);
12th, Jennifer Neal of Plano TX (54:31);
13th, Melody Melain of Philadelphia (57:22).

MALE AGES 30-39
1st, Kevin Grisham of Carthage (22:11);
2nd, Wes Wallace of Carthage (27:33);
3rd, Michael Cooley of Choctaw (31:52);
4th, Joseph Crain of Forest (32:28);
5th, Matthew Boatner of Philadelphia (33:36);
6th, Jay Wesley of Walnut Grove (35:58);
7th, Jeremiah Thompson of Philadelphia (36:07);
8th, Ryan York of Carthage (39:37);
9th, Drew Taylor of Carthage (41:23);
10th, David Neal of Plano, TX (50:25);
11th, Phillip McLain of Philadelphia (57:21).

FEMALE AGES 40-49
1st, Wendy Jacobs of Denver, CO (30:40);
2nd, Sharon Brown of Philadelphia (31:42);
3rd, Nicole Arsenault of Memphis, TN (34:18);
4th, Sherri Ferguson of Choctaw (41:50);
5th, Connie Deon of Choctaw (42:45);
6th, Holly Gagnon of Philadelphia (45:59);
7th, Debbie May of Meridian, (46:23);

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◆◆◆◆2013 REZ RUN 5K, 10K AGE DIVISION WINNERS◆◆◆◆

8th, Rebecca Patterson of Plantersville (48:41);
9th, Tarina McMillan of Conehatta, (1:01:21).

MALE AGES 40-49
1st, Mike Thrailkill of Hickory, (18:57);
2nd, Michael Thompson of Lake, (27:13);
3rd, Maoko Horn of Madison, (27:32);
4th, Nicky Charlie of Choctaw, (28:21);
5th Derrek Elam of Pearl (29:45)
6th Don Elliott of Philadelphia (31:42);
7th Roger Ben of Philadelphia (38:29).

FEMALE AGES 50-59
1st, Rowena Willis of Philadelphia (35:49);
2nd, Cheryl Denson of Walnut Grove (39:55);
3rd, Adriana Burt of Philadelphia (40:15);
4th, Rheta Harjo of Union (44:25);
5th, Kay Salter of Philadelphia (49:13);
6th, Kaye Rowell of Philadelphia (51:06);
7th, Rosalinda Schmitt of Philadelphia (53:58);
8th, Cathey Lindsey of Gilmer, TX (53:59).

MALE AGES 50-59
1st, Greg Sanders of Forest (21:37);
2nd, Geoffrey Schmitt of Philadelphia (24:40);
3rd, Barry Brantley of Philadelphia (26:25);
4th, Jesse Hardy of Lawrence, KS (28:46);
5th, Leonard Jimmie of Choctaw (28:56)
6th, Howard Tucker of Choctaw (33:24);
7th, Joe Pou of Memphis, TN (39:03);
8th, David Townsend of Modesto, CA (47:14);
9th, Rodney Lindsey of Gilmer, TX (53:58).

FEMALE AGES 60-98
1st, Peggy Wedgeworth of Laurel (38:50);
2nd, Mollie Denson of Antioch, TN (49:13);
3rd, Margaret Johnson of Jenks, OK (50:26).

MALE AGES 60-98
1st, Phillip Wedgeworth of Laurel (23:00);
2nd, Steve Murray of Philadelphia (27:04);
3rd, Gary Rivers of Decatur (38:34).

10K RESULTS

FEMALE OVERALL
Meggan Franks of Starkville (40:32).

MALE OVERALL
Augustine Pete Kazery of Jackson (35:03).

FEMALE AGES 1-14
1st, Maleighia Joe of Carthage (1:07:00).

MALE AGES 1-14
(No entries)

FEMALE AGES 15-19
(No entries)

MALE AGES 15-19
1st, Forrest Billy of Conehatta (45:34);
2nd, Jerritt Lewis of Philadelphia (47:42);
3rd, Alex Billy of Carthage (51:49).

FEMALE AGES 20-29
1st, Brandi Gressett of Collinsville (51:59);
2nd, Chantay Frazier of Carthage (54:55);
3rd, Casaja Phillips of Philadelphia (57:06);
4th, Shanna Hickman of Philadelphia (59:45);
5th, Latora Carpenter of DeKalb (1:04:21);
6th, Shannon Weathers of Stringer (1:07:56);
7th, Heather Whitlock of Forest (1:12:49);
8th, Lynjorae Williams of Philadelphia (1:25:28).

MALE AGES 20-29
1st, Roderick Anderson of Conehatta (46:14);
2nd, Lorenzo Patrick of Hattiesburg (48:27);
3rd, Jerrod McMillan of Philadelphia (49:03);
4th, Kelby Anderson of Conehatta (53:27);
5th, Jeremika John of Choctaw (55:00);
6th, Donnell Good of Clinton (1:11:48).

FEMALE AGES 30-39
1st, Missy Carter of Starkville (56:46);
2nd, Emily Nail of Philadelphia (56:57);
3rd, Elizabeth Kelly of Fulton (58:30);
4th, Simine Reed of Brandon (58:57);
5th, Kourtnee Harris of Brandon (58:58);
6th, Crystal Roach of Philadelphia (1:01:15);
7th, Missy McElhenney of Collinsville (1:03:06);
8th, Michelle Eakes of Collinsville (1:17:32).

MALE AGES 30-39
1st, Royce Franks of Starkville (36:04);
2nd, Todd Stephens of Choctaw (51:45);
3rd, Julian Roach of Choctaw (58:34);
4th, Sherman Billie, Sr. of Philadelphia (1:12:17);
5th, Jeremy Denson of Walnut Grove (1:25:30);
6th, Randy York of Walnut Grove (1:25:32).

FEMALE AGES 40-49
1st, Bonnie Earley of Collinsville (52:09);
2nd, Dawn Kempthorne of Brandon (1:01:14);
3rd, Melanie Zahller of New Albany (1:04:00);
4th, Kim Wilson of Fulton (1:08:20);
5th, Debbie Pace of Bailey (1:17:28).

MALE AGES 40-49
1st, Thomas Ben of Choctaw (53:51);
2nd, Richard Isaac of Carthage (1:10:27).

FEMALE AGES 50-59
1st, Zada Law of Ashland City, TN (1:18:15).

MALE AGES 50-59
1st, John Massey of Meridian (1:02:50);
2nd, David Schlundt of Ashland City, TN (1:18:16).

FEMALE AGES 60-98
(No entries)

MALE AGES 60-98
1st, Fountain Barksdale of Madison (57:08);
2nd, Bob Glenn of Meridian (1:02:45);
3rd, Micheal Fulton of Union (1:04:31);
4th, Larry Singleton of Jackson (1:05:53).

4-H, youth, adult exhibitors participate at Choctaw Indian Fair

Congratulations to the following participants who placed and received cash awards for their exhibit at the 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair. Listed below are the participants in their respective division.

4-H DIVISION

Aysia Willis, $3.00;
Tayjah Wilson, $1.00;
Natasha Cotton, $2.50;
Jalia Cotton, $2.50;
Tye Henson, $2.50;
Quintin Willis, $2.50;
Malanie Grasshopper, $3.00;
Quentin McClelland, $3.00;
Ambria Tubby, $3.00;
Zander Ben, $3.00;
Hunter Farve, $3.00;
Chae Bell, $3.00;
Janice Charlie, $3.00;
Melanie Willis, $4.00;
Diego Arvizo, $4.00;
Pernella Arvizo, $4.00;
Immanuel Jimmie, $4.00;
Camryn Vivians, $4.00;
Khalid Hickman, $7.00;
Tanna McClelland, $4.00;
Gaylan Willis, Jr., $4.00;
Boston McClelland, $4.00;
Ashanti Body, $4.00;
Kyana Willis, $4.00;
Cadence Nickey, $4.00;
Dylan Nickey, $4.00;
Tyler Bell, $4.00;

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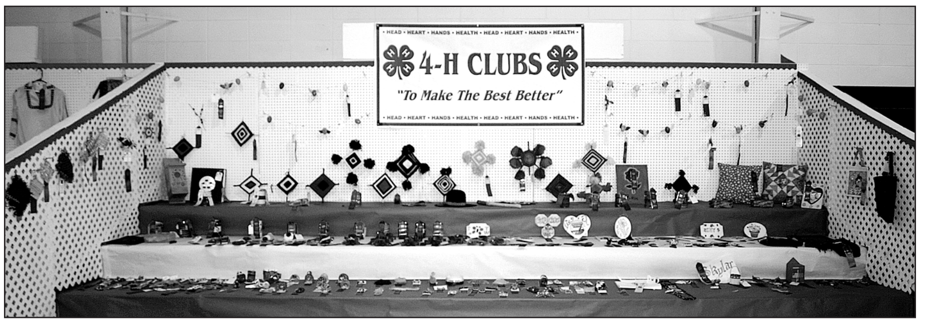
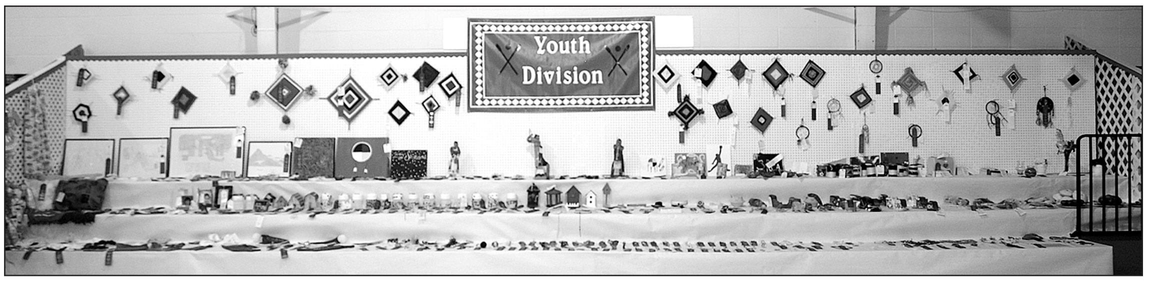


4-H Division exhibit.



Youth Division exhibit.

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Chaney Billiy, $5.00;
Brooklyn Sockey, $5.00;
Ashton Westmoreland, $5.50;

Brison K. Dixon, $6.00;
Nikkita Wallace, $6.00;
Teanna Thomas, $6.00;
Clay Jimmie, $7.00;
Aujaraye Sockey, $7.00;
Elias Jimmie, $7.00;
Taleik Ben, $7.00;
Jayasri Mitch, $8.00;
Jaycia Chickaway, $8.00;
Mershaylee Sockey, $8.00;
Tomechi Bell, $11.00;
Tushka Willis, $11.00;
Jaylan Willis, $11.00;
Fichik Willis, $12.00;
Demahn Dixon, $12.00;
Dejon Dixon, $15.00;
Summer Allen, $15.75;
Kendall Wallace, $16.00;
Daebreon Wallace, $17.50;
Carlee Jimmie, $30.00;
Tiak Willis, $30.00;
Shelbi Williams, $31.00;
Autumn McMillan, $77.00;
Kaisen Dixon, $117.25;
Skylar Comans, $210.00.

YOUTH DIVISION

Nichasie Smith, $2.25;
Breanna Billie, $2.25;
Coby McMillan, $2.25;
Brenton Billy, $2.25;
Janeon Alex, $2.50;
Alexander K. Bell, $2.50;
Alex Sean Bell, $2.50;
Deanna La'Sarge, $2.75;
Tehya King, $2.75;
Jocob McMillan, $3.00;
Bentley McMillan, $3.00;
Adrianna Thompson, $3.00;
Alyas Martin, $3.00;
Summer Allen, $3.00;
Amoni Smith, $3.00;
Daebreon Wallace, $3.00;
Kaydence Wallace, $3.00;
Kelsey Billie, $3.00;
Jordan Bell, $3.00;
Tyrese Solomon, $3.00;
Jacob Billy, $3.00;
Janice Charlie, $3.00;
Malachi Thomas, $4.00;
Beyonce Smith, $4.00;
Kaliyah Tubby, $4.50;
Darius Thompson, $4.75;
Alexandria Ben, $5.50;
Jayden McKinney, $5.50;
Treyden Tubby, $5.50;
Afton Johnson, $5.50;
Isaiah Billy, $5.75;
Annika Anderson, $6.00;
Jase Johnson, $6.00;
Arylynn John, $6.00;
Jalayna Dixon, $6.50;
Morgan Monroe, $7.00;
Hailey Johnson, $7.00;
Toby Lewis, $7.50;
Tiana Jim, $7.50;
Taysia Lewis, $7.50;
Kenyun Johnson, $8.00;
Jacob Chapman, $8.25;
Kaedre Denson, $8.50;

Adult Division exhibit.

Kristeena Thomas, $9.00;
Paneshia Mingo, $9.00;
Ryland King, $9.00;
Kiyus McKinney, $9.50;
Taterrian Anderson, $9.50;
Tyrein McMillan, $9.50;
Maeli Ben, $9.50;
Raven Isaac, $9.50;
Jeremy Davis, $10.00;
Alice Keats, $10.25;
Ashlynn Stephens, $10.50;
Kaiden King, $10.50;
Forrest Billy, $11.00;
Kyler Jefferson, $11.00;
Braynon Jim, $11.00;
Asa Keats, $11.00;
Tatina Willis, $11.25;
Jaelissa Hall, $11.50;
Camille Dixon, $12.25;
Jonathan Gonzalez, $12.50;
Macaden Hall, $12.50;
Leilaya McMillan, $13.00;
Nick Tubby, $14.00;
Destiny Mingo, $14.00;
Arishanda Jefferson, $14.75;
Xative Nickey, $15.00;
Astin Eades, $15.00;
Zachary Farmer, $16.25;
Justina Dixon, $16.75;
Tanner John, $17.00;
Alex Billy, $18.00;
Isabella Brescia, $18.75;
Katelyn Shoemake, $22.00;
Ashton Chickaway, $22.50;
Isley Mingo, $23.00;
Nickolas Farmer, $24.25;
Xavier Sam, $26.00;
Julius Billy, Jr., $26.25;
Cassie Thomas, $29.00;
Kodi Thomas, $32.00;
Tazanna Thomas, $32.50;
Brayton Jim, $36.25;
Eric Willis, $36.75;
Hannah Bell, $37.75;
Alyssa Farmer, $39.00;
TeAnna Thomas, $45.00;
Deshaylee Tubby, $54.75;
Gabriella Farmer, $58.00;
Zavian Tubby, $69.25;
Kessler Clemmons, $72.00;
Jocelyn Wesley, $83.25;
Ana Ben, $89.50;
Chloe Wesley, $94.75;
Jaeden Wesley, $115.75;
Leilani Wesley, $118.25;
Hallie Denson, $190.00.

ADULT DIVISION

Brenda Bell, $3.00;
Georgianna McMillan, $3.00;
Shauna Lewis, $6.00;
Ronald Gibson, $12.00;
Daisy Jim, $25.00;
Sharyn Denson, $35.00;
Alicia Wheeler, $40.00;
Mageline Truss, $41.75;
Peggy Davis, $49.00;
Gina Bell, $95.00.

We congratulate all 4-H members, youth and adults that participated in this year's exhibit and encourage more involvement in next year's exhibit.

For more information, contact Virginia W. Willis or Ronald Gibson at the 4-H Office, Natural Resources & Rural Development building, at 601.656.2070.

September is 4-H Enrollment Month

The 4-H registration for re-enrollment and new members will be in September. Children between the ages of 8-18 and adults (volunteer) interested in joining 4-H Club will need to register at their community facility building scheduled below:

- Bogue Homa, Sept. 6, from 4-6 p.m.;
- Standing Pine, Sept. 9, from 5-7 p.m.;
- Crystal Ridge, Sept. 12, from 6-8 p.m.;
- Pearl River, (Natural Resources & Rural Development Building), Sept. 16, from 5-7 p.m.;
- Bogue Chitto, Sept. 17, from 6-8 p.m.;
- Red Water, Sept. 23, from 5-7 p.m.;
- Tucker, Sept. 24, from 5-7 p.m.;
- Conehatta, Sept. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, contact the 4-H Office at Natural Resources & Rural Development at 601-656-2070. Staff members include Virginia W-Willis, Program Coordinator, and Ronald Gibson, Program Assistant.

Tucker Development Club wins booth competition

Every Choctaw tribal community has a development club that is responsible for the community cultural booth exhibits at the Choctaw Indian Fair. Club members design their exhibit to highlight community progress. This year's theme was "Celebrating the Courageous Choctaw Journey." Tucker Development Club placed first in this year's competition. Placing second was Standing Pine Development Club and Bogue Chitto Development Club placed third. Pearl River Development Club placed fourth, Conehatta Development Club placed fifth & Bogue Homa Development Club placed sixth.

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members in attendance placed ribbons representing their home communities on a wreath that was placed at the base of the mound.

Tribal elder Lucy Morris of the Bogue Chitto community recounted several stories of Nanih Waiya to the audience and recalled the progress the tribe has made from her days as a youth to the present.

Cherished by Choctaws for centuries as the "Mother Mound", Nanih Waiya - translated in Choctaw as "leaning or stooping hill" - is the center of all origin stories.

In one story, Nanih Waiya is the place through which the Choctaws emerged onto the surface of the earth. In another story, Nanih Waiya was the ending place of a migration into what would become central Mississippi. It has always been the figurative heart of the Choctaw homeland.

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LEFT, *Tribal elder Lucy Morris and Department of Chahta Immi Director Jay Wesley chanted for the Nanih Waiya Day crowd, pictured above, as they perform the Walk Dance around the base of the mound.*

Leslie Fuller of Fichik Malatoh Ohoyo was named game MVP and presented beaded stickball sticks. Pictured from left are Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John, MVP Fuller, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, & Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben.

FICHIK MALATOH OHOYO ALL-STARS included Katrina Alex *(Official)*, Mallory Anderson *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Latonya Bell *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Tasha Charlie *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Keshia Chickaway *(Nanih Waiya Ohoyo)*, Johnita Conrad *(Lady Warriors)*, Lahoma Conrad *(Lady Warriors)*, Marissa Crosby *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, LaCynthia Dixon *(Lady War Eagles)*, Ashley Edwards *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Kerrigan Farve *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Chantay Frazier *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Nana Frazier *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Leslie Fuller *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Mariah Hickman *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Peggy Jefferson *(Official)*, Seronda Jim *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Melinda Jimmie *(Natives)*, Dee Johnson *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Charmayne Lewis *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Mariah Lewis *(Nanih Waiya Ohoyo)*, Thomasina Lindsey *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Tiara Logan *(Natives)*, Odessa Martin *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Leandra Morris *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Tiara Morris *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Casaja Phillips *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Denielle Phillips *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Erika Phillips *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Crystal Roach *(Natives)*, Karedi Shoemake *(Lady Warriors)*, Kenae Sockey *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Pandora Sockey *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Thea Thomas *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Tilla Thomas *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Ashton Thompson *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Lana Tubby *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Cheyenne Wallace *(Tucker)*, Alecia Wawahsuck *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Shonda Wesley *(Nanih Waiya Ohoyo)*, Randi Williams *(Natives)*, Zenetta Williams *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Tashia Williamson *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Elyse Willis *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, Shavon Willis *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Marie Wilson *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Elisa York *(Tali Ohoyo)*, and Shyatesa York *(Bihhi Ayasha)*. Coaches were Jimmy Vaughn, Sammie Clemmons, Rory Willis, Sr., & Garrison Joe.

Fichik Malatoh Ohoyo coach Jimmy Vaughn accepted the All-Star Trophy comprised of a framed stickball sticks and a ball. Pictured from left are Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, Coach Vaughn, & Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben.

FICHIK CITO OHOYO ALL-STARS included Diana Alex *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Kendra B. Anderson *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Laka Anderson *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Ahinah Bacon *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Clyme Bacon *(Lady Beaver Dam)*, Mandy Billy *(Tucker)*, Asha Chickaway *(Lady Warriors)*, Jenna Chickaway *(Lady Beaver Dam)*, Shondria Chickaway *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Kesha Clemmons *(Nanih Waiya Ohoyo)*, Shelvie Dixon *(Lady War Eagles)*, Angel Edwards *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Durnene Farmer *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Brandi Farve *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Beth Frazier *(Lady War Eagles)*, Cami Hickman *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, Samihah Jim *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Lequita King *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Davita McClelland *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, Curry McMillan *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Kerah Mingo *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, Katie Morris *(Bok Cito Ohoyo)*, Shanita Morris *(Tali Ohoyo)*, Anastasia Nickey *(Lady Beaver Dam)*, Melaney Nickey *(Tucker)*, Trish Phillips *(Officials)*, Mitzi Reed *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Skye Smith *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Tony Smith *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Courtney Steve *(Lady Beaver Dam)*, Heather Tangle *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Jennifer Thomas *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Tiffany Thomas *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Willa Thomas *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Darisa Tubby *(Lady Warriors)*, Breanna Vaughn *(Bihhi Ayasha)*, Zesha Vaughn *(Natives)*, Kayla Waiter *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Ashland Wallace *(Tucker)*, Kiana Wallace *(Tucker)*, Renee Wesley *(Lady Warriors)*, Casey Willis *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Cecilia Willis *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*, Kristen Willis *(Koni Hata Ohoyo)*, Kyana Willis *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Lila Willis *(Lady Beaver Dam)*, Sheila Willis *(Lady War Eagles)*, & Gabriella Wilson *(Oka Homma Ohoyo)*. Coaches were Dale Phillips, Jr., Elijah Ben & Bronson Bell.

Fichik Cito Ohoyo coach Dale Phillips, Jr. accepted the All-Star runner-up plaque. Pictured from left are Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John, Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, & Coach Phillips.

Believed to have been built between 100 B.C. and 400 A.D., the mound is 25 feet high, 218 feet long and 140 feet wide, suggesting it was originally a platform mound which has eroded into the present shape.

Nanih Waiya Day is celebrated every year on the second Friday in August. The mound was returned to the Choctaw people on April 17, 2007 by the State of Mississippi and then-Governor Haley Barbour.

"Nanih Waiya Day is yet another opportunity for the Choctaw community to celebrate our heritage. I am also thrilled the inaugural All-Star game that was just an idea I had a few short months ago was now a reality," said Anderson.

All-Stars were selected by coaches and officials from each team that participated in the 2013 WSS during the Choctaw Indian Fair. Teams were then formed by random selection. Head coaches that participated in the men's and women's WSS championships were selected to lead the All-Star teams.

In the women's All-Star game, *Fichik Malatoh* (Shining Star) *Ohoyo* defeated *Fichik Cito* (Big Star) *Ohoyo* 1-0. Leslie Fuller scored the lone point (3rd, 1:58) and was named MVP.

"I was determined to score and put a point on the board. That was my main focus," said Fuller.

Jimmy Vaughn, Fichik Malatoh Ohoyo coach, said the win was very rewarding, especially in an inaugural All-Star game.

"The ladies came together as a unit. They played and blocked well so my hats off to them. Its a good thing for me as an All-Star coach and for the ladies that played the game. It was awesome," said Vaughn.

In the men's All-Star contest, *Fichik Malatoh* defeated *Fichik Cito* 7-4. Christopher "Poncho" Willis was named MVP.

"It's a great honor to have this award. If it weren't for my teammates, I wouldn't have this honor. Playing with a group of All-Stars, everybody played great," said Willis.

Ricky Willis, Fichik Malatoh coach, said the players enjoyed putting their skills to the test against other All-Stars.

"It feels great. Being an All-Star for the first time, I enjoyed it and our players said they enjoyed playing the game and want to continue the tradition going," Willis said.

Scoring for Fichik Malatoh were: Satchel Willis (1st, 12:54); Leslie Morris (1st, 11:34; 2nd, 9:31); Rian Willis (2nd, 8:22); Shaun Jimmie (3rd, 13:01); Errol Farmer (3rd, 12:02), and Clifton "Yogi" Willis (4th, 1:46).

Scoring for Fichik Cito were: Roderick Anderson (1st, 14:41); Jermaine Isom (3rd, 5:50); Dana Clemmons, Jr. (3rd, 3:46); and Josh Willis (4th, 12:21).

"Everything was a big success. I think it brought unity and was a good thing. You got players from Tucker, Bok Cito, Koni Hata and other teams, any other time they would be looking at each other differently, but tonight they were all on the same team united and they played as one," said World Series Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben. "They played well and we had the best of the best on the field tonight. In this sport, its about pride and everybody had fun.

Christopher "Poncho" Willis of Fichik Malatoh was named game MVP and presented beaded stickball sticks. Pictured from left are Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, MVP Willis, & Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben.

Fichik Malatoh coach Ricky Willis accepted the All-Star Trophy comprised of a framed stickball sticks and a ball. Pictured from left are Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, Coach Willis, & Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John.

Fichik Cito coach Craig Anderson accepted the All-Star runner-up plaque. Pictured from left are Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John, Coach Anderson, Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, & Stickball Commissioner Barry Ben.

FICHIK MALATOH ALL-STARS included Paul Anderson *(Nukoachi)*, Norman Bell, Jr. *(Koni Hata)*, Adam Bell *(Okla Hannali)*, Scottie Bell *(Pearl River)*, Kendall Ben *(Bok Homma)*, Cain Chickaway *(Bok Cito)*, Neil Cotton *(Pearl River)*, Larry Davis *(Okla Hannali)*, Cecil Dixon, Jr. *(Bok Cito)*, Craig Dixon *(Oka Homma)*, Howard Dixon *(Oka Homma)*, Julian Dixon *(Koni Hata)*, Errol Farmer *(Beaver Dam)*, Julius Farmer *(War Eagles)*, Frankie Garcia *(Koni Hata)*, Michael Gibson *(Bok Homma)*, Jason Grisham *(Koni Hata)*, Anslem Henry *(Bok Cito)*, Kyle Henry *(Beaver Dam)*, Tony Hernandez *(Bok Cito)*, Ryan Isaac *(Tiak HIkiya)*, Elijah Jimmie *(Bok Cito)*, Shaun Jimmie *(Pearl River)*, Ricky John *(Pearl River)*, Jerritt Lewis *(Nukoachi)*, Trey Lilly *(Pearl River)*, Jack Logan *(Unified)*, Geno Mack *(Koni Hata)*, Alex McMillan *(Pearl River)*, Jeric McMillan *(Pearl River)*, Demondo Mingo *(Nanih Waiya)*, Isaiah Mingo *(Beaver Dam)*, Leslie Morris *(Bok Cito)*, Day'Leon Phillips *(Koni Hata)*, Michael Redhouse *(Beaver Dam)*, Milton Robinson, Jr. *(MS Chahta)*, Elton Shoemake *(Beaver Dam)*, Antoniel Thomas, Jr. *(Warriors)*, Josh Thomas *(Koni Hata)*, Shaun Tubby *(Tucker)*, William Tubby *(Tucker)*, Lorenzo Wallace *(Tushka Homma)*, Kendall Williams *(Beaver Dam)*, Tyler Williamson *(Koni Hata)*, John Willis *(Oka Homma)*, Mike Willis *(Beaver Dam)*, Poncho Willis *(Koni Hata)*, Rian Willis *(Warriors)*, Satchel Willis *(Beaver Dam)*, and Clifton "Yogi" Willis *(Koni Hata)*. Coaches were Mark Willis, Sr., Greg Shoemake & Ricky Willis.

FICHIK CITO ALL-STARS included Dakota Anderson *(Koni Hata)*, Roderick Anderson *(Unified)*, Daniel Bell *(Beaver Dam)*, Harlan Bell *(Tucker)*, Keith Bell *(MS Chahta)*, Marlon Bell *(MS Chahta)*, Matt Bell *(Beaver Dam)*, Carlos Ben, Jr. *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Larindo Ben *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Ashley Billie *(MS Chahta)*, Sherman Billie *(Beaver Dam)*, Jonathan Cabrera *(Nanih Waiya)*, Damien Chickaway *(Koni Hata)*, Dana Clemmons, Jr. *(Nanih Waiya)*, Seymour Clemmons *(Nanih Waiya)*, James Denson *(Beaver Dam)*, Andric Dixon *(Nukoachi)*, Nickolas Dixon *(War Eagles)*, Ricky Edwards, Jr. *(Oka Homma)*, Bill Farmer *(Tucker)*, Braxton Frazier *(Bok Homma)*, Lance Gibson *(Bok Cito)*, Leland Gibson *(Bok Cito)*, Thaddeus Hickman, Jr. *(Bok Cito)*, Jermaine Isom *(Unified)*, Rocky Isom *(Unified)*, Kanyon Jimmie *(Pearl River)*, Djon John *(Tucker)*, Kyle John *(Beaver Dam)*, Chad Johnson *(Koni Hata)*, Phillip McMillan, Jr. *(Pearl River)*, Tyler Mitch *(Warriors)*, Scottie Nickey *(Koni Hata)*, George Polk *(Tushka Homma)*, Mickey Polk *(Tiak Hikiya)*, Ronnie Reed *(Oka Homma)*, Lemmuel Solomon *(Bok Homma)*, Winter Solomon *(Bok Cito)*, Jimmy Tangle *(Oka Homma)*, Antoniel Thomas, Sr. *(Warriors)*, Keantray Thomas *(Unified)*, Lucas Thomas *(Koni Hata)*, Ferris Tubby *(Tucker)*, Randy Wallace *(Tushka Homma)*, Jeremy Wesley *(War Eagles)*, Gavin Williams *(Beaver Dam)*, Beasley Willis, Jr. *(War Eagles)*, Joshua Willis *(Tushka Homma)*, & Mark Willis, Jr. *(Beaver Dam)*. Coaches were Craig Anderson, Steve Dixon, Teddy Hickman, & Jackie Morris.

LOOKING BACK AT THE 64TH ANNUAL CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR

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Department of Early Childhood Education News

We are beginning a new year here at the Department of Early Childhood Education (DOECE) and look forward to seeing all the new and returning faces of our children. Our enrollment process is ongoing throughout the year, so come in and fill out an application at the center of your choice. Some centers have a waiting list, so the sooner you turn in your application, the better!

We enjoyed the summer with the children and especially had fun during our DOECE fun day on June 28 at the Pearl River Softball Field. We had jumpers, art activities, face painting, cultural activities, an obstacle course, and a visit from Mitzi's traveling reptile show! The children, staff and parents enjoyed it.

Our staff participated in two weeks of in-service training for their positions as teachers for our children. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved.

We enjoy providing fun learning activities for our children. We encourage you to enroll your child for the 2013-14 school year. For more information, contact your local early childhood center:

- Bogue Chitto Early Childhood, 601-656-7224;
- Conehatta Early Childhood, 601-775-3845;
- Pearl River Day Care, 601-656-9221;
- Pearl River Early Head Start/Infant and Toddler, 601-389-2899;
- Pearl River Head Start, 601-650-1712;
- Red Water Early Childhood, 601-298-9267;
- Standing Pine Early Childhood, 601-298-1580;
- Tucker Early Childhood, 601-389-2053.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHAHTA IMMI

Andrew Willis, Phyllis McMillan, Casey Bigpond, Amanda Bell, May McGeisey, 'Speedy' Lewis, Audrea Ketcher, & Wauseka York performed to Marty Stuart's song, "I Met My Baby at the Choctaw Fair."

DCI Dancers perform on "The Marty Stuart Show"

The Department of Chahta Immi (DCI) Dancers performed the Choctaw traditional House Dance at the Ellis Theatre in Philadelphia on June 28. The dancers were invited by Marty Stuart to take part in the filming of the final episode of *The Marty Stuart Show,* which will air on Aug. 31 on RFD-TV at 7 p.m. (CST).

The 2013 Fair Choctaw Social Dancers viewed live online

This year, the Department of Schools (DOS), Cultural Affairs Program (CAP) and the Special Project Media Program (SPM) combined resources to created an unprecedented livestream production of the Choctaw Fair Social Dancers.

The livestream was an attempt to reach global viewers into the fairgrounds to observe the Choctaw cultural dances. Over the course of four days, our livestream event received over 1,600 visits with viewers in 43 states and 9 countries.

Overall, we're very pleased with our reception and we hope to continue livestreaming the Choctaw cultural dances next year.

LEFT, *Keenen Wahwasuck looks for the best camera shot*. **CENTER**, *Sonny Mattera & Charla Pepper monitored the mobile control center at the dance grounds*. **RIGHT**, *Andrew Willis & Shawntye Vaughn prepared to broadcast the dances from the fair.*

2013 Language Summer Camp

During the month of June, the language staff held their 2013 Summer Camp at Pearl River Elementary School for ages 6-13 years old.

The Choctaw Stories was selected from our *"Shokka Annopa"* collection and was used as a vessel for language and cultural information learning. The titles were *Cholhkan at Lowak Isht Alah* and *Shokani hicha Shakili*.

Some of the terms used to teach were: *ponoshi* (thread); *talhko sokko* (felt); *shikala* (beads); *chifak oshi* (needle); and *ishtili oskafachi* (sash). They also enjoyed doing the *chisimowa* (exercise), *talowa*

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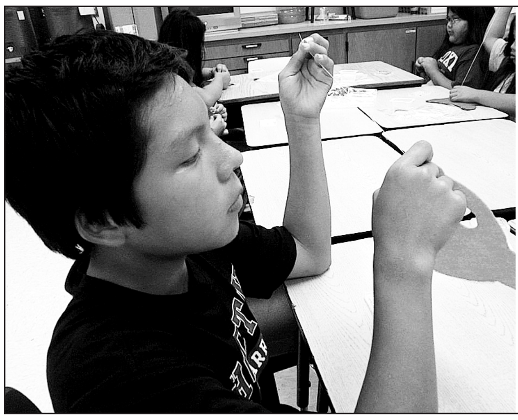

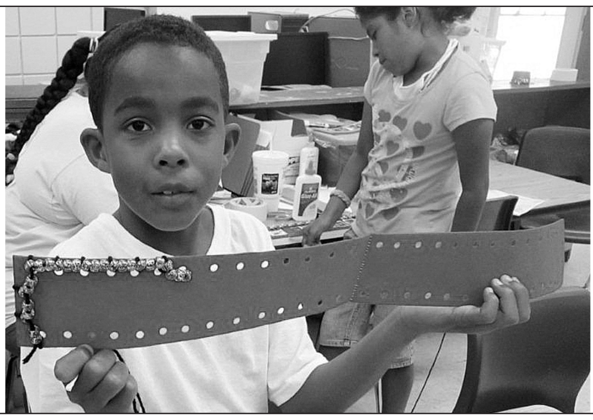

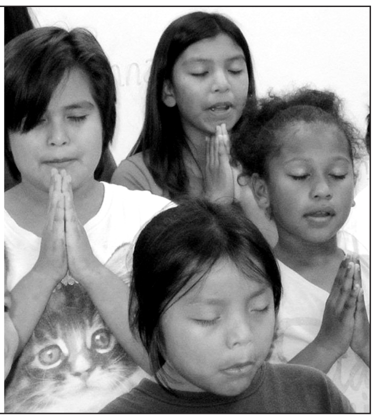

LEFT, *Junaluska Wilson, Jr. edge beads a "Shokhata" mask*. **CENTER**, *DaKiren Wilson displays his yarn weaving project*. **RIGHT**, *Natayah, Alex, Kaniya, & Phoenix express gratitude of thanks to the Creator.*

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(sing) and *hilha* (dances).

On the last day of summer camp, the students performed a play of the stories. The characters of the stories included: *falah* (crow); *shokhatta* (opossum); *cholhkan* (spider); *shokani* (ant); *shakinli* (grasshopper); and *shikih* (buzzard).

Splitting canes the old way.

They also performed two dances, *Tachi Hilha* (Corn Dance) and *Ittawaya Hilha* (Wedding Dance).

Choctaw Basket Expo

The Choctaw Museum hosted the Choctaw Basket Expo on June 12-14 at the dance grounds cooking area (behind the Choctaw Museum). Expert Choctaw basket makers demonstrated their skills. The expo divided activities into splitting and stripping on the first day, then stripping and dyeing on the second day and weaving the baskets for the final day.

DCI staff attend CLAP Language Workshop

The Department of Chahta Immi's staff took part in the 2013 Summer Language Workshop, hosted by the Choctaw Language Assessment Program (CLAP). The workshop was held July 22 and 26 at the Choctaw Central Middle School. The goal of the workshop was to present more advanced language teaching methods and to teach the Choctaw language to children more effectively.

CLAP Director Roseanna Thompson (right) lectures on dialects as DCI's Priscilla Williams assisted.

Curtis Willis, Jr. (right) engages with workshop participants.

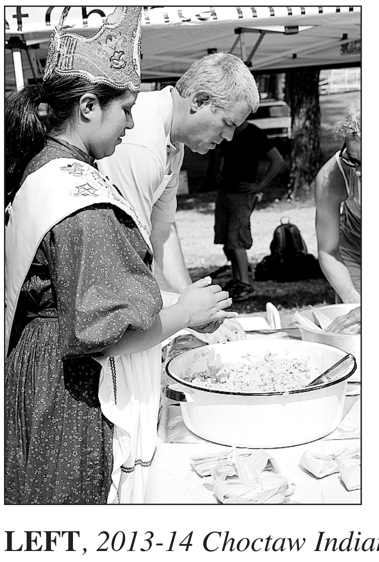
Choctaw traditional food cooking to be on the Food Network

On Aug. 2, the CAP staff cooked up Choctaw traditional foods at the cooking ground behind the Choctaw Museum. The cooking was a joint effort with the Office of Public Information and the Magnolia Road: The Mississippi Tour production to capture footage to be shown on the Food Network show.

Rep. Phillip Gunn, Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, attended and took part in the cooking of banaha. He is on tour to promote tourism in Mississippi by developing the Mississippi Food Tour, showcasing restaurants, chefs and their food from around the state.

Eleanor Chickaway strips cane from the split cane.

Shaunna Chapman weaves her basket into shape.



LEFT, *2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess Lanena John & Rep. Phillip Gunn, Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, combined the ingredients for banaha.* **CENTER**, *Tribal elder Lucy Morris multi-tasked as she prepared to be filmed while indicating more wood is needed on the fire.* **RIGHT**, *The Magnolia Road: The Mississippi Tour production crew captures footage while Rep. Gunn observes Lucy Morris who is ready to add banaha into the boiling water.*

Isht Apesa Project News: Choctaw Language Assessment

July 2013 Summer Language Workshop

The second summer language workshop was a huge success with 92 participants and over 100 on the last day as we closed with songs and dancing. Trainers from our own education department and Chahta Immi were great! Thanks to all participants that were motivated and made the workshop fun with laughter and joy!

Workshop topics included: Standards and Choctaw Language Curriculum Overview by Jason Lewis, Courtney Davis and Abrianna Tubby; Movie-Clip Making using

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Donovan King & Darlene Vaughn demonstrated Choctaw dances as Curtis Willis, Jr. chanted. Participants were asked to treat Choctaw dancing as an art & take it to heart like our ancestors did. Mrs. Thompson stressed the importance of "making each Spring Festival & any cultural activity an event to be proud of & children need to learn to dance from the heart as Choctaw children."

Microsoft Movie Clip by Melanie Ben and Charla Pepper; Stickball Apron and Headband Diamond Design Making by Zonie Isaac, Edna Cotton and Lana R. Tubby; Intermediate Level Literacy by Curtis "Buck" Willis, Jr.; Teaching Language with Songs & Chants by Peggy Williams and Curtis "Buck" Willis, Jr.; Choctaw Language Assessment - Review of Final Version by Roseanna Thompson and Nancy Willis; How Will We Perfect our Choctaw Language? by Roseanna Thompson (discussions on spelling and dialects of certain words, developing new words, and feedback on immersion techniques); Teaching Methods for Native Language Teaching by Roseanna Thompson and Priscilla Williams; and Choctaw Literacy at Its Finest by Elijah Ben (how to communicate in the language for second language learners).

On the last day of the workshop, Choctaw Language Assessment Project (CLAP) Administrative Coordinator Roseanna Thompson shared the experience she and three other Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' employees - Pam Smith, Priscilla Williams and Peggy Williams - as they attended classes with tribes from the 14 Confederated Tribes of Oregon the last two weeks of June at Oregon University.

"We, the Choctaw people, need to wake up and realize the importance of bringing the Choctaw language back into our homes and our schools or we will lose the language. My trip to Oregon made me realize we are headed down the path of our Choctaw language becoming extinct. I saw our Choctaw people flash before my eyes as I witnessed these tribes striving to save their language and some trying to 'okchalih' a dying language with only two speakers left," stressed Thompson to the participants.

"The realization that if we do not figure out how to motivate the Choctaw people to 'want to' keep their language, we will be in the same bolt these other people are. It was a sad situation to watch and I hope to God we, the Choctaw people, will wake up before our language dies!"

Participants gave oral feedback and stated they enjoyed the training sessions and were appreciative of what they learned in the workshops. One participant stated, "The desire to maintain the culture and language is something we all have in common and we will do our best to help our Choctaw children in any way we can. It is sad that the project will be ending, but we are thankful for what we did learn."

Use of Technology in Chahta Anómpa

Knowledge of websites such as www.copyright.gov gave participants the legal, as well as the practical knowledge, of what and what not to use. Once a person knows what to use, they can go to websites and use non-copyrighted materials from websites such as www.freeplaymusic.com, www.soundclick.com and www.freesound.org.

Participants used various forms of mixed media of sound and video to create Movie Maker presentations for language preservation usage. They also learned to extract, "rip" Choctaw dance music from compact disks and insert it into the Movie Maker software.

Participants are making diamond design stickball aprons with Zonie Isaac (standing) as the instructor.

Project's Final Quarter

The Isht Apesa/CLAP will end December 31, 2013, completing two years of the section 6111 BIE Grant. The CLAP and Tribal Language Program has made great impact for Choctaw teachers and assistants working under the Division of Schools. Participants enjoyed learning more about their language and culture that they can pass along to their children and students.

Training was always needed, but didn't have the finances to conduct one. Thanks to the Section 6111 BIE Grant, we were able to provide 25 training days within the two years, completed translation of the Choctaw (Pre-LAS) Language Assessment for grades K-1 and developing a culturally relevant oral language assessment for second graders.

We also sincerely appreciate the continued support of Chief Phyliss J. Anderson and the Tribal Council!

The CLAP project's final grant period was for September 30, 2013, but another three months no cost extension was granted. We look forward to another busy three months as we conduct two more workshops and finalize all objectives of the grant. Two more training days are set for August 24 and September 14 for Choctaw teachers and teacher assistants.

The project may be coming to an end, but this is a beginning for our teacher assistants who now have some of the skills needed to bring Choctaw into the classroom. Once the Choctaw teacher certification is completed, Mississippi Choctaws will be able to start their own Choctaw language classes and maybe an immersion school!

The key to maintaining our native language is to get the people motivated and determined to keep their God given language. Let's get motivated!

Participants learned how to make movie clips using the Microsoft Movie Maker with Charla Pepper & Melanie Ben providing the training.

Choctaw Schools preparing for AdvancED visit

Choctaw Tribal Schools held its first District Accreditation Visit in 2009 and was recognized by AdvancEd as receiving a Quality Achievement Award for accreditation. (AdvancED was formerly known as SACS accreditation).

The schools are currently preparing for the return visit of the AdvancED External Review Team. In order to maintain accreditation, schools must meet the five AdvancEd Standards, engage in a process of continuous improvement, and host an External Review once every five years.

The Choctaw Tribal School system is currently preparing for the visit of the AdvancEd External Review Team on January 26-29, 2014. The initial preparation for this visit began in April of 2013.

District personnel, principals, teachers, parents, community leaders, students, and other stakeholders are encouraged to become involved in each aspect of the process.

The review team will examine how well all parts of the education system - the district, schools, and classroom - work together to meet the needs of the students.

The AdvancED Accreditation Process will evaluate the entire Tribal School System. The five member team will focus on the vision and goals, evaluate teaching and learning, and examine how results are documented.

Five AdvancED Standards are the foundation of the Accreditation Process and serve as the guide to continuous improvement. The five AdvancED

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Standards for Quality are listed below:

- Standard 1: Purpose and Direction;
- Standard 2: Governance and Leadership;
- Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning;
- Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems;
- Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

The pre-kindergarten classes at the elementary schools will be required to complete a sixth standard, the Early Learning Standard. This standard will focus on health and safety expectations for early learning programs.

The AdvancEd standards are the foundation of the accreditation visit and guide accredited districts as the support for continuous improvement.

Isaac attends camp at UCI

Breanna Layne Isaac, a student at Choctaw Central High School, was accepted this summer into the American Indian Resource Program at the University of California, Irvine (UCI).

The program accepted Native American high school students from throughout the U.S. in grades 8th-11th.

Breanna participated in a two-week program. During the first week, participants camped and conducted field research on the La Jolla Indian Reservation.

The second week was held at the UCI campus where she took classes with college professors and prepared a presentation relating to tribal environmental issues.

There were over 35 Native American high school students accepted to this free summer institute. At the end of the institute, students made formal presentations that were evaluated by professors. Top student presenters were also recommended to attend the American Indian Society of Engineer's and Scientist's National Convention in Denver, CO later this year.

Breanna was recommended and awarded the Most Outstanding Female Student and Leadership Award for her participation and contributions at the institute. Congratulations Breanna!

Pictured with Breanna (seated center) is Nikishna Polequaptewa, Director of American Indian Resource Program (top left), Yolanda Leon, American Indian Resource Program Coordinator (seated far left) along with other resident group leaders from UCI.

Bogue Chitto School News

Bogue Chitto Elementary School (BCES) is off to a great start! The students and staff are so excited to be back. Students are also happy that they can wear any color polo style shirt with their uniform pants this year. It was so nice to look across the cafeteria and see a rainbow of colors.

This summer we had a great summer schoool program. The students really enjoyed the culture classes in the afternoon. Summer school is a great way to sharpen skills and to prepare the students for the upcoming school year.

This school year, we will continue to develop our leadership skills by practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Last year, the staff went through The Leader in Me training and did an excellent job teaching the habits to our students. Ms. Willa Brantley's speech at the district meeting goes along with what we have been teaching the students and will continue to this year.

We show students that everyone can be a leader in some way and just because you are in a leadership role does not make you a leader.

We have a Lunch With Leaders luncheon so students can meet leaders from their community, county, city, and state. Students really enjoy showing their leadership roles to the visitors. Our next Lunch With Leaders will be October 25.

On October 17, we will have our Fall Carnival from 5:30-8:00. We hope you all can attend. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun for all.

Bogue Chitto Elementary School expects to have the best school year ever because *Yammok Hapiyah*, that's who we are!

Renata Morris, left, Upper Grades Assisstant at BCES, welcomed students during the first day of school.

Bell participates in program

Mary Bell

(CHOCTAW, Miss.) - A Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians high school student was one of 25 teenagers nationwide to participate in the 15th Association of American Indian Physicians' National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program.

Mary Bell, a student at Choctaw Central High School in Choctaw, MS, attended the nine-day program held in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Association of American Indian Physicians sponsored the program to educate and encourage more Native American students to pursue careers in the health profession.

Students were taken on field trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Minority Health, George Washington University School of Medicine, Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University.

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NNAYI participants in front of the National Library of Medicine.
(Photo by Rose Knight Photography).

FACE adult students graduate

Pictured, from left, Pearl River FACE (Family And Child Education) adult students Leslie Tubby, Michelle Dan & Brandon Willis recently received their GED diploma during the 2012-2013 school year. Tubby and Dan participated in the commencement exercise at East Central Community College in Decatur on July 18, 2013, in the Huff Auditorium. Congratulations to each of you on your outstanding accomplishment!

Jim graduates

Congratulations to Terri Ann Jim on her recent graduation in July. We are very proud of you on your accomplishment! From Mom, Meko Osi, Aunt Millie, Uncle Chris, Honto, Carrie & family, Uncle Rody, Brent, Darian & family.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

NEWS & NOTES

CONEHATTA UNIT

WELCOME BACK, members! It's not too late to enroll for the 2013-2014 school session! We are accepting children ages 6-18 years old.

Parents, you may go by Central Office, located behind the Pearl River recreational softball field, or come by the club to enroll your child for the school session.

Throughout the school year, we offer field trips, educational, recreational, & prevention programs for our members.

For the month of July, the club was open only seven days. On July 3rd, Keystone & TORCH members were taken to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for a campus visit. Members were given a walking tour of the campus and given valuable information about admission requirements to the university.

Also on July 3rd, Officer Mitzi Reed with Choctaw Wildlife & Fisheries came and informed members about the wildlife in Mississippi. At the end of her presentation, Officer Reed showed the members a non-poisonous snake she had brought with her.

During the Choctaw Indian Fair, we had a Boys & Girls Club booth for parents to come see pictures of various field trips, presentations & events their child/children participated in at the clubs. During their visit to our booth, parents were encouraged to submit a new application for the 2013-2014 school year.

On July 18 & 19, our teen basketball team, "C-TOWN B&G", played in a basketball tournament sponsored by the Bogue Chitto Boys & Girls Club. Although we didn't place in the tournament, we enjoyed the competition & making new friendships. We say "thank you" to Elisa York who took time to help us raise money for our jerseys, money to eat & taking us to the tournament.

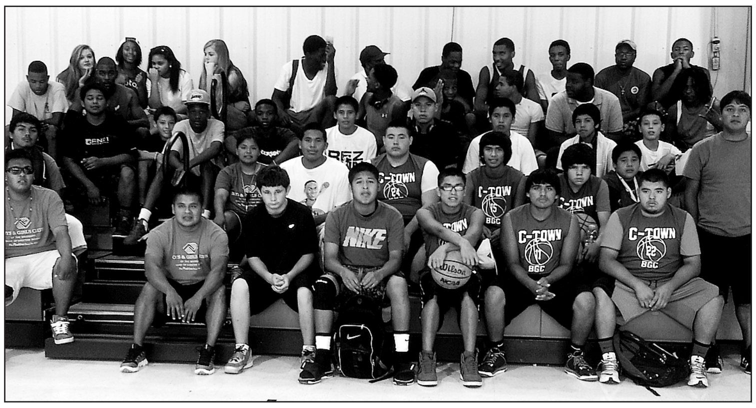
We also recognize the staff of the Bogue Chitto Unit, Conehatta Unit, Pearl River Unit, & the Teen Center Unit for the teamwork to make the tournament successful.

Lastly, we congratulate Mr. Dennis & his team from the Boys & Girls Club of Batesville, MS for winning the tournament.

LEFT, *Congratulations to 2013-14 Choctaw Indian Princess, Miss Lanena John! Great teamwork & congratulations to the staff who contributed to the success of our princess contestant, Ms. Lanena John.*

All the members enjoyed the presentation and took a picture with the snake & Officer Reed.

Tenecia, Shyann, Paneshia, Drake, Quenton, Chris, & Brandon enjoyed the campus visit at the University of Alabama.



Pictured above are the teams that participated in the basketball tournament.

Basketball tourney champions were the Boys & Girls Club of Batesville, MS.

Say hello to our lil' friends

Submitted by M. Reed, Choctaw Wildlife and Parks

Along with the Mississippi Bat Working Group, the Choctaw Wildlife and Parks Department got to get up close and personal with some of our little winged friends in Pearl River. Yes, I'm talking about bats.

The purpose of this activity was to identify the types of bats in Pearl River by mist netting and catching them; as well as to provide training to tribal rangers on biological data collection. We centralized our sampling areas to the Beaver Dam Road, Jim Road and Wolf Road as these areas provided the right elements that were needed to set up and run mist nets.

A total of 31 bats were caught over the course of two nights. The bats identified were Evening Bats *(Nycticeius Humeralis)*, Eastern Red Bats *(Lasiurus Borealis)*, Southeastern Bats *(Myotis Austroriparius)*, and a Seminole Bat *(Lasiurus Seminolus)*.

These are common bats found in Mississippi and through the stories and discussion from the Mississippi Bat Working Group, a lot of information was gathered and learned about our little friends whom we tend to not think about when considering our wildlife inhabitants of the reservation.

Bats are often misunderstood and feared due to their bad public image; however, nothing could be further from the truth. Their ability to consume large numbers of insects makes them one of the highest rank beneficial animals that we have around here.

Bats typically consume more than 50 percent of their body weight every night. Being that insects are typically in areas that we would be, it is not uncommon to have bats flying around near us. As with any other wild animals, its best to leave bats alone to do what they were designed in nature to do.

Should you ever come in close proximity with bats, you should never touch or handle bats as they do bite and there is some health concerns related to them. Given the opportunity, a few species of bat can take up residence in and around homes and buildings. In these types of situations, it's best to call a professional to deal with the problem.

Bats are interesting creatures and have become a new interest for me. There is a lot of literature out there on bats and several organizations that are continually conducting research on bats.

Check out www.sbdn.org to learn more about the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and the Mississippi Bat Working Group and their ongoing research.

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Students attended a series of lectures and interactive workshops that featured guest speakers who are physicians, researchers and educators in the field of medicine.

"It's important for the students to hear from these health care professionals. They're successful Native Americans who serve as role models and mentors. They inspire our students to continue their education and set high goals," said Gary Lankford, Program Director.

NNAYI was created in 1998 to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native students entering health professions and biomedical research. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools. Students also receive information regarding financial aid, counseling and other college-related assistance.

Mary is the daughter of Terry and Althea Willis and a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Over the past decade, more than 500 students have attended the NNAYI program. To be selected for the summer program, students must be age 16-18 and express interest in healthcare or biomedical research.

Applications for the 2014 NNAYI program will be taken in spring of 2014. For more information, visit www.aaip.org or call (405) 946-7072.

New law enforcement officers certified

Submitted by Department of Public Safety

Pictured, from left, are Officer Monique Bell, Officer Leonard Bell, Ranger Jason Murray, & Officer Amber Frazier.

Officer Monique Bell, Officer Leonard Bell, Officer Amber Frazier, and Ranger Jason Murray are officially certified law enforcement officers of the Choctaw Department of Public Safety upon their recent graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico.

Their intensive program involved 16 weeks of physical training, emergency response training, firearms and tactical driving training, arrest and patrol technique training, and other law enforcement specialty training.

Upon completion of graduation, the officers returned to the Choctaw Department of Public Safety and will continue required field training before joining the Choctaw Police Department and Choctaw Wildlife and Parks Department at full force.

The Choctaw Department of Public Safety welcomes our new officers as they have proven their dedication to protect and serve members and guests of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Congratulations to Officers Monique Bell, Leonard Bell, Amber Frazier, and Ranger Jason Murray on their accomplishments and welcome to the force.

Ferguson receives nursing degree from UAB

Brittany Nicole Ferguson, BSN, completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Brittany was 1-of-6 students inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. She received her UAB nursing pin on Friday, Aug. 2. The UAB BSN summer program will walk in December 2013 for their graduation. Her plans are to continue her education in the field of Nurse Practitioner. Brittany is the daughter of Sherri & John Ferguson. Her maternal grandparents are the late Captain Mike & Gloria White & paternal grandparents are the late Bob & Martha Ferguson. Brittany, we are so proud of your determination & focus in pursing your career goals. We love you!

Brittany Nicole Ferguson

From the Desk of the Chief Medical Officer, Choctaw Health Center

Juantina Johnson, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Choctaw Health Center

The new changes to the outpatient clinic are going well. On April 1, 2013, we opened our walk-in clinic as an addition to our outpatient clinic. This has dramatically decreased wait times. Over the past month, we have been doing patient satisfactory surveys; and I am pleased to announce that our average wait times are between 30 minutes and one hour.

These changes have allowed more patients to be seen in the outpatient clinic and has helped to decrease the number of patients who seek treatment in the emergency room for non-emergent conditions. In spite of the fact that the average number of patients seen in the outpatient clinic has increased, our patient satisfactory surveys show that 85 percent of the patients waited less than one hour to be seen.

We have gotten a lot of positive feedback in our patient satisfactory surveys about the experiences provided at Choctaw Health Center's Outpatient Clinic. Some comments that stand out include: "The healthcare staff was truly concerned about my well being", "Staff are informative and friendly", and "Quick service and courteous staff".

When asked what they liked best about their experience with Choctaw Health Center, the overwhelming majority of patients commented, "short wait times."

I think we have finally figured out how to make this work for our patients. Thanks to everyone involved in helping make this happen and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Juantina Johnson, M.D.,
Chief Medical Officer,
Choctaw Health Center

17TH ANNUAL DIABETES AWARENESS 2 MILE WALK/RUN
OCTOBER 5, 2013

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M. to 7:45 A.M.

RACE STARTS AT 8:00 A.M.

RAIN OR SHINE

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Participants who pre-register before Friday, September 20, 2013, are guaranteed an official race t-shirt upon completion of the walk-run race. Participants must complete a registration form before entering the race. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian's signature on the registration form. Forms are available at the Diabetes Management Center, Special Diabetes Program Trailer and the SDPI Fitness Center located at the CHI Building. Immediately after the race, awards will be presented to the winners in designated age division.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CHC DIABETES MANAGEMENT CENTER

BARBARA BELL @ 601.389.6359
MARSHA CHICKAWAY @ 601.389.6354

Choctaw Dental Department News

Attention parents if you have children in the cavity-prone years (ages 4-17)! In the history of tooth decay prevention, two breakthroughs stand out - fluoride and sealants.

Dentists learned that balanced fluoride treatments could help defend the teeth against decay and the application of sealants could further offer protection for the teeth. One does not take the place of another.

Sealants prevent decay in the chewing surfaces of the back teeth while fluoride prevents decay on the smooth surfaces of all teeth.

For more than 30 years now, sealants have offered a protective plastic coating that covers the surfaces of teeth to help prevent tooth decay.

Because of their many bumps and grooves, the chewing surfaces of children's teeth are highly susceptible to cavities. Food and resulting bacteria become lodged in the grooves of a child's tooth. These grooves (called pits and fissures) may become a problem for some children to clean due to their deep development.

Toddlers, children between 4 and 17 years, and adults all face the same pit and fissure problem. Premolars and molars have the most pits and fissures and are difficult for people to reach with a toothbrush or dental floss.

About 90 percent of tooth decay in children's teeth occurs on the tooth surfaces with pits and fissures. Only 23 percent of 8 year olds and 15 percent of 14 year olds have dental sealants on their molars, compared with the national objective of 50 percent.

Dental sealants are a thin plastic coating that are applied to the pits and fissures (grooves) on the chewing surfaces of the teeth to prevent tooth decay.

The dental sealant "seals" up the grooves to prevent food and bacteria from becoming stuck deep in these grooves while chewing. The dental sealant makes the surface smooth, slippery and easier to keep clean with the toothbrush.

The application of a dental sealant is quick and easy. It is usually applied to baby teeth as soon as possible after they erupt, and repeated at regular intervals over the years.

Since a sealant is gradually lost through normal wear and tear of the teeth, the application must be repeated to remain effective.

First the teeth to be sealed are cleaned with a small brush, then washed and dried. Cotton rolls and dry aides are used to keep the teeth dry for the slightly acidic solution to be applied for one minute. This helps the sealant bond to the tooth surface.

The solution is then washed off and new cotton rolls and dry aides placed. Each tooth is "painted" with a very thin layer of the sealant coating. Since the coating is clear or white, it blends easily with the natural tooth color.

A high-intensity curing light (the blue light) will be used to harden the sealant. This procedure is repeated on each side of the mouth as needed.

The risks, associated with the application of dental sealants, are minimal, and safe when properly placed using state-of-the-art materials and procedures.

Because sealants can prevent 80 percent of dental decay in children, they reduce the need for fillings and other more expensive treatment, like caps or crowns.

Sealing one tooth usually costs less than filling one tooth. In 1999, the average cost of applying one dental sealant was $27, compared with the average cost of $73.77 for filling one cavity.

Sealants can last for many years, but should be checked at regular dental visits to make sure they are not chipped or worn away. The sealant can be repaired by adding more sealant material.

It is important to note sealants do not replace fluoride. Rather, they add to the benefits of fluoride and may preserve teeth so they do not decay.

The most important reason for getting dental sealants is to avoid cavities. Healthy, strong teeth (free of fillings) can last a life time.

The Choctaw Dental Department attempts to apply fluoride four times a year to Early Childhood Programs and Tribal School enrolled children. This is only possible with your signed permission.

The Choctaw Dental Department is also planning their School Dental Treatment schedule for the upcoming year. It is planned for the target grades of 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th. We hope to follow this schedule as permitted:

Red Water, beginning August 26, 2013;

Bogue Chitto, beginning September 2013;

Conehatta, beginning October 2013;

Tucker, beginning January 2014;

Pearl River, beginning January 2014;

Standing Pine, beginning February 2014.

Signed permission forms

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will be necessary before the dental staff can have your child brought to the Community Dental Clinic. We begin with a dental exam, x-rays, proper brushing and flossing instructions, and a cleaning with a fluoride treatment. Your child receives a toothbrush, floss and toothpaste.

If needed, sealants will be applied at the next appointment. Further dental treatment can only be completed with a "Treatment Needs" form signed and returned to the dental clinic as soon as possible.

The dental staff understands the need for "school time" so this is for a limited time. Please be aware some of these forms will be found in the school enrollment packet.

The "Treatment Needs" form, done after the exam, will be in the child's book bag or brought to you by the Community Health Worker for your signature. If your child is in a target grade, please be looking for these forms.

Parents, we the Choctaw Dental Department, appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to provide dental treatment for your children.

If you have any questions, please call:

Bogue Chitto, 601-656-0060;

Conehatta, 601-775-3139;

Pearl River, 601-389-6202;

Red Water, 601-267-8366.

MOUTH GUARDS: SPORTS EQUIPMENT THAT PROTECTS THE SMILE

It's easy to take some things for granted until they're suddenly gone. Have you ever thought about how it would feel if you lost one or two of your front teeth? You'd probably avoid smiling. It would be uncomfortable talking with someone face-to-face. It wouldn't be easy pronouncing certain words. And how about eating an apple? Until your teeth are gone, you might not miss them.

Each year, thousands of teens get hurt on the playing field, the basketball court, or while skateboarding, biking or during other activities. Blows to the face in nearly every sport can injure your teeth, lips, cheeks, and tongue.

A properly fitted mouth guard, or mouth protector, is an important piece of athletic gear that can protect your teeth and smile. You may have seen them used in contact sports, such as football, boxing and ice hockey.

However, you don't have to be on the football field to benefit from a mouth guard. New findings in sports dentistry show that even in non-contact sports such as gymnastics, rollerblading, and field hockey, mouth guards help protect teeth. Many experts recommend that a mouth guard be worn for any recreational activity that poses a risk of injury to the mouth.

There are three types of mouth guards: The ready-made, or stock, mouth guard; the mouth-formed "boil and bite" mouth guard; and the custom-made mouth guard made by your dentist. All three mouth guards provide protection but vary in comfort and cost.

The most effective mouth guard should have several features: It should be resilient, tear-resistant and comfortable. It should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and not restrict your speech or breathing.

Generally, a mouth guard covers only the upper teeth, but in some cases the dentist will instead make a mouth guard for the lower teeth. Your dentist can suggest the right mouth guard for you.

Here are some suggestions for taking good care of your mouth guard:

- Before and after each use, rinse it with cold water or with an antiseptic mouth rinse. You can clean it with toothpaste and a toothbrush, too.
- When it's not used, place your mouth guard in a firm, perforated container. This permits air circulation and helps prevent damage.
- Avoid high temperatures, such as hot water, hot surfaces or direct sunlight, which can distort the mouth guard.
- Check it for tears, holes and poor fit. A mouth guard that's torn or in bad shape can irritate your mouth and lessen the amount of protection it provides.
- Have regular dental checkups and bring your mouth guard along so the dentist can make sure it's still in good condition.

Don't take your teeth for granted. Protect your smile with a mouth guard.

WHAT DOES SIPPING & SNACKING DO TO TEETH?

School is starting for all ages, from Early Child Care to the teachers. Time will be shorter than ever. What to eat and when to eat will often be the last thought when planning the day. Many will plan to pick up something from McDonalds or Super Stop.

But parents, you and your children, now more than ever, are faced with a bewildering array of food choices - from fresh produce to sugar-laden processed convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their general health but also their oral health.

Americans are consuming foods and drinks high in sugar and starches more often and in larger portions, like combos and super sizing,

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than ever before. It's clear that "junk" foods and drinks gradually have replaced nutritious beverages and foods for many people.

For example, the average teenage boy in the U.S. consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year! Alarmingly, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day, Common activities may contribute to the tendency toward tooth decay. These include "grazing" habitually on foods with minimal nutritional value, and frequently sipping on sugary drinks.

When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden amounts, the harmful effect on teeth can be dramatic. Every time you drink pop or eat sweets, you create an ACID ATTACK. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produce the ACID ATTACK. The acid in turn can eat away the enamel on teeth. The more ACID ATTACKS, the more cavities are formed.

Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot and should not be eliminated from our diets. Many of these foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating. But there is a risk for tooth decay from a diet high in sugars and starches. Starches can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing, so read labels and plan carefully for a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your kids.

Reduce your children's risk of teeth decay:

• Sugary foods and drinks should be consumed with meals because you get an ACID ATTACK at each meal anyway. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth.

• Eat snacks all at once. For example, cereal in a bowl with milk is an OK snack. A baggy full of dry cereal that is carried around and eaten at different times during the day will cause cavities. That's because EVERY TIME you eat you'll have an ACID ATTACK.

• Limit between-meal snacks, like candy, cookies, cakes, donuts/sweet rolls, white crackers, gum, chips, and fast foods and don't drink Gatorade, soda/pop, Kool-Aid, Tang, or Bug Juice between meals. If kids crave a snack, offer them nutritious foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables, sandwiches on wheat bread, cereal with milk, cheese or yogurt, nuts, pretzels, milk, juice without added sugar, and sugar-free gum.

• If your kids chew gum, make sure it sugarless- Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.

• Monitor beverage intake – Instead of soft drinks all day, children should also choose water and milk. Remember that most bottled water has no fluoride, proven to reduce cavities.

• Help your children develop good brushing and flossing habits.

• Schedule regular dental check-ups.

All of these tips are good for us parents as well as children and grandchildren. Be an example.

Remember ! We are planning to see the 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th grade students from Red Water and Bogue Chitto in their community dental clinic during September and October. Please be looking and asking about this program. There will be forms to sign. We are planning to continue this program with the other schools during the school year.

JUST A REMINDER!

Call-in day for dental exams at Pearl River is the first Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 1:15 p.m. Please do not leave a message as there is no time to listen during call-in time. Thank you for your cooperation.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WORD SEARCH

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Sweet Corn
Squash
Cabbage
Blueberries
Avocados
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Potatoes
Soybeans
Strawberries
Watermelon
Eggplant
Radishes

Transit Administrative Offices have moved!

On July 25th, 2013, Choctaw Transit Administrative and Dispatch Ofiices will begin management of all services from the Choctaw Hospitality Institute , located at 390 Industrial Road. All routes and call-ins will continue as scheduled with limited interruptions so please bear with us. Thank You!!

As Always!

FOR NON-EMERGENCY/MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION YOU MUST CALL 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE 3:30 PM.
REQUESTS CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT DAY APPOINTMENTS ONLY IF CALLED IN BEFORE
3:30 PM.
FOR TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS ON MONDAY'S, YOU MUST CALL THE FRIDAY BEFORE.
601-650-7430

ARE YOU IN A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

What is a Healthy Relationship?

Healthy relationships are emotionally healthy. Partners are able to express feelings. Sharing the joys and pains of life is part of their growth as a couple and as individuals.

Healthy relationships are physically safe. Neither partner is abusing or being abused by the other. Also, material needs such as food, clothing and shelter are being met.

A healthy relationship also encourages positive values such as trust, honesty and respect.

The warning signs include:

• Physical abuse such as punching, kicking, slapping, or biting. This also includes destroying property.

• Sexual abuse or infidelity (cheating).

• Emotional neglect such as ignoring the other's needs or abuse such as put downs or threats).

• Digital abuse such as using technology such as cell phones or the internet to control, monitor or harass.

Take the following self test to get a feel for the kind of relationship you may be in.

• *When we fight, we tend to blame each other.*

Yes__ No__

• *I can't tell my partner what I really think and feel.*

Yes__ No__

• *My partner is jealous of my career or friends.*

Yes__ No__

• *I often feel lonely in my relationship.*

Yes__ No__

• *I have been physically hurt (for example slapped, kicked or punched by my partner.)*

Yes__ No__

• *My partner usually cuts me off when I talk.*

Yes__ No__

• *I do most of the work (such as chores or child care).*

Yes__ No__

• *My partner often verbally abuses me (by calling me names or threatening me).*

Yes__ No__

• *My partner cheats on me.*

Yes__ No__

• *My partner is one who needs to change, not me.*

Yes__ No__

If you answered yes to one or more statements,

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your relationship may not be as healthy as you think. Read on to learn how to improve your relationship and find sources of help.

Creating a Healthy Relationship

While every relationship is different, healthy ones tend to have:

Mutual respect - Respect for one another is the basic ingredient that allows couples to share their love, resolve conflicts peacefully, and be supportive.

Forgiveness - People in healthy relationships understand that no one is perfect. They work through problems together and do not hold grudges.

Intimacy - Intimacy is about sharing. Along with romance and sex, it also includes sharing fears and hopes, life experiences, and goals.

Honest communication - This is a two-way street of talking and listening. Communicating is not about blaming or withholding. It means that each partner feels free to express opinions, thoughts, and feelings, and actively listens to the other.

Empathy - Partners are able to "stand in the other person's shoes. They can put aside their needs to focus on their partners needs.

Shared responsibilities - Practical matters, such as paying bills and cleaning, are either divided equally or shared equally. This means each person is responsible for certain chores or both help with each chore.

Trust and support - A healthy relationship is a safe place. Partners support each other in good times AND when times are tough.

Effort and commitment - Both partners are determined to work on the relationship and help it succeed.

Fidelity - Both partners are committed only to each other in every way including sexually and emotionally.

Equality is Another Key to a Healthy Relationship

Healthy couples make decisions together. Successful couples discuss and see agreements on all major issues, such as money and how it is spent or saved.

In a healthy relationship you will both respect each other's boundaries. A healthy relationship allows each partner to have time alone when needed as well as friendships outside of the relationship. It helps for each partner to have their own interests and hobbies outside of the relationship. Each should be allowed to have privacy, such as their emails, text or phone calls.

No one person should control every aspect of the other's lives. A relationship could be in trouble if this happens.

Where to Get Help if you Find Yourself in an Unhealthy or Abusive Relationship?

If you find yourself in an unhealthy or abusive relationship you can talk to family members, friends, religious leaders, or come to the Family Violence and Victim's Services offices (FVVS) for help. At FVVS, we can assist you in entering the domestic violence shelter, obtaining a protection order or restraining order, crisis counseling, or ongoing counseling for survivors of domestic violence.

We can be reached at 601-650-1774.

Community Supported Agriculture: Know your farmer, know your food

By Dick Hoy, Choctaw Fresh Produce General Manager

Have you been giving thought to signing up for a Community Support Agriculture (CSA), but want to learn more about the idea before you commit?

Let's begin with the definition of CSA. CSA is a food production and distribution system that directly connects farmers and customers. Consumers buy "shares" or "memberships" in a farm's harvest in advance.

Farmers receive important early-season capital and have a guaranteed market for their produce. Barring a disastrous harvest, consumers enjoy overall lower food costs, field fresh produce and greater access to high demand vegetables and fruits.

Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically the share consists of a box of vegetables, but other products such as herbs or flowers may be offered, as well.

Interested consumers purchase a share (a.k.a. membership) and in return receive a box of seasonal produce each week throughout the farming season. For example, if you purchase 1 of 20 available shares in a CSA, you would receive 1/20th of the harvest each week for your family to enjoy.

This arrangement creates several rewards for both their farmer and consumer. In brief:

Advantages for farmers:

• Get to spend time marketing the produce early in the season (before 16 hour days in the field begin);

• Receive payment early in the season, which helps the farm's cashflow;

• Have an opportunity to get to know the people who eat the food they grow.

Advantages for consumers

• Eat ultra-fresh food, with all the flavor and nutritional benefits;

• Get exposed to new

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Tribal youth learning about agriculture

By Jim McAdory, MSU Extension Service Agent for MBCI

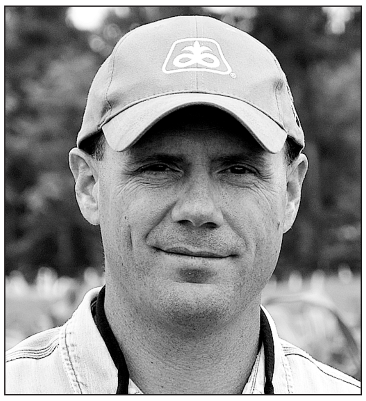
One of the most talked about topics in our state is agriculture, and rightly so it is a multi-billion dollar industry for our state. On the flip side of that is that we have fewer and fewer young people raised on a farm or have any practical experience of what agriculture is all about.

When I work with youth groups, on and off tribal land, I always ask this question, "Where does your food come from?" and most of the time the kids respond, "From the grocery store". With agriculture being such a big industry for our state it only makes sense that the tribe not only be involved in the agriculture industry, but introduce our youth to what benefits agriculture can offer to them personally and the tribe as a whole.

This need brought about the Agriculture for Choctaw Empowerment and Life (Ag-CEL) program for the tribe. Ag-CEL is directed by the Tribal Extension Office through key tribal partnerships including Choctaw Central High School, Tribal Department of Natural Resources and now the Choctaw Fresh Produce company.

The Ag-CEL program is designed to show young people agriculture and natural resources first hand and let them know not only the job opportunities in our area, but the educational opportunities available to them as well.

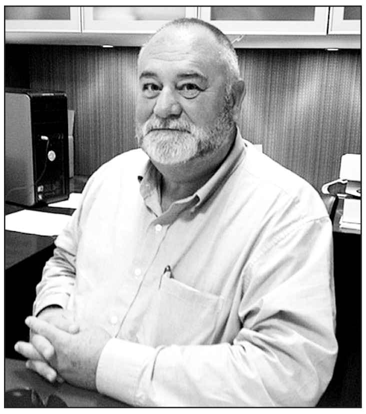
To date, Ag-CEL has taken tribal youth groups to various places like the Noxubee Refuge, MSU North and South Farm, and the Red Hills Lignite mine in Choctaw County. With the establishment of the new Choctaw Fresh Produce business, Ag-CEL can now take tribal youth to a tribally operated agriculture operation.



Jim McAdory, MSU Extension Service Agent for MBCI

I'd like to take this time to thank Choctaw Fresh Produce for becoming a partner and advisor to the Ag-CEL program.

If you like more information about Ag-CEL and how you can get your child involved in agriculture, give your Tribal MSU Extension Service a call at 601-656-2070.



Dick Hoy,
Choctaw Fresh Produce
General Manager

vegetables and new ways of cooking;

• Get to visit the farm at least once a season (children welcome);

• Find that kids typically favor food from "their" farm – even veggies they've never been known to eat;

• Develop a relationship with the farmer who grows their food and learn more about how food is grown.

It's a simple enough idea, but its impact has been profound. Tens of thousands of families have joined CSAs, and in some areas of the country there is more demand than there are CSA farms to fill it.

Before you decide to join a CSA you probably need to ask yourself and the farmer some questions.

Questions such as:

• Will I enjoy eating seasonally available produce?

• What will I be able to get and how much?

• Will I get everything I need for my family from the CSA?

• Do I want to preserve for the winter?

• Do I like to try new vegetables and new ways of cooking?

• Does my schedule allow me to cook homemade meals?

• Am I willing to accept the unknowns involved in "shared risk"?

A note on that last question: implicit in the concept is the idea that members share the risk with the farmer that some crops might do poorly due to bad weather or other circumstances beyond his control.

After having done your research and asking questions, you should be prepared to make the decision if a CSA is right for you and your family.

In an effort to provide the members and employees of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians with the freshest, safest, most nutritious produce available we would like to offer everyone the opportunity to enroll in our CSA.

For more information, contact: Dick Hoy, General Manager, Choctaw Fresh Produce at 601-650-1571 (office) or 601-663-6302 (cell).

Farm Fresh Recipes

By Daphne Snow,
Choctaw Fresh Produce
Field Coordinator

GARDEN TOMATO PIE

Ingredients:

• 1 Pillsbury Pie Crust;
• 4 large tomatoes, peeled & sliced;
• 2 jalapenos, sliced;
• 1 green pepper, sliced;
• 1 medium onion, chopped;
• 2 cups spinach, chopped;
• 2 or 3 eggs, beaten;
• 2 cups cheddar cheese;
• ½ cup mozzarella;
• ¼ cup mayonnaise;
• Salt & pepper to taste;

*Any other garden fresh veggies you would like to add;

Optional: fresh basil.

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place pie crust in pie dish. Sautee onion. Layer into the pie crust tomato, onion, peppers, spinach, & mozzarella. Pour eggs over the top. Mix cheddar cheese & mayonnaise - put on top. Bake 30 minutes - covered with aluminum foil. Remove foil & bake additional 30 minutes (uncovered).

In Memory

Jesse Brantley Ben

Funeral services for Jesse "Balo" Brantley Ben, 57, were held Monday, June 24, 2013, from the Pearl River Baptist Church. The Rev. Glen Myers and Rev. Duane Reinhart officiated.

Burial was in the Isaac Cemetery in Choctaw. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Ben passed away on June 21 at the Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

He was a member of the Pearl River Mennonite Church.

He began his career in Chicago at the American Indian Center before working for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for 22 years.

His activities included making traditional stickballs, making people laugh, teaching the Choctaw language, & playing bingo. He played stickball for Conehatta.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Arthur & Mary Ben; & a brother, Jerome Ben.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Wesley Ben; a daughter, Jazzlynn Ben; a son, Kent Wesley; a daughter-in-law, Whitney Wesley; four grandchildren; four brothers, Barry Ben, Leonard Ben, L.C. Willis, & Felton Willis, all of Choctaw; three aunts, a great-aunt, & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Bronson Solomon

Funeral services for Bronson Solomon, 80, were held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, from the residence of Karen Frazier in Choctaw. Bro. John Frazier officiated.

Burial was in the Conehatta Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Solomon passed away on June 22 at the Choctaw Health Center in Choctaw.

His hobbies included playing stickball for Conehatta, playing baseball & washers. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, yard work, & working on cars & small engines, among other things. In later years, he enjoyed watching stickball games & being around family & friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall & Addie Jefferson Solomon; a second wife, Lorena Jackson Solomon; a son, Jimmieson Solomon, Sr.; a sister, Elizabeth Shoemake; & two brothers, Huddleston Solomon & Armond Solomon.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Gibson, Angela Hickman & Karen Frazier, all of Choctaw; one son, Jody Solomon, Sr. of Manchester, KY; three half-sisters, Rita Allen & Ina Solomon, both of Choctaw, & Mae Bell of Philadelphia; a half-brother, Chancellor Solomon, Sr. of Conehatta; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

William Bryce Eaves

Funeral services for William Bryce Eaves, 2 years old, were held Friday, July 5, 2013, from the Crystal Ridge Community Gymnasium. The Rev. Melvin Chase & Rev. Duane Kelsey officiated.

Burial was in the Choctaw Christian Church Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Eaves passed away on June 29 at the family residence.

He liked collecting bugs & playing with his toy trucks & cars.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Prentiss O. Eaves.

Survivors include his parents, Chris & Tamara Eaves;

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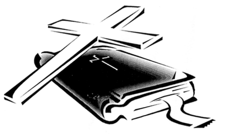

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sisters, Allie Eaves, Trinity Redhouse, Natalee Eaves, Gillion Eaves, Emily Eaves & Laura Eaves; brothers, Kristopher Eaves & Prentiss Eaves, all of Louisville; grandparents, Rosie Sam of Louisville, Beamon & Sandra Billy of Carthage; six aunts, an uncle & a host of relatives.

Nellie Jean Anderson Tubby

Funeral services for Nellie Jean Anderson Tubby, 69, were held Wednesday, July 3, 2013, from the Hope Indian Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Paul Tubby officiated.

Burial was in the Simon Isaac Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Tubby passed away on June 30 at the Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

She was a member of Old Canaan Baptist Church. She was a homemaker most of her life & loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Houston Anderson & Hattie Johnson; a common law husband, Philmon Isaac; previous husbands, Tinsley Tubby & Leotha McMillian; a son, Danny Anderson, Sr.; a daughter, Matilda Nell Tubby; & two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Willis; sons, Roderick McMillan, Fredrick McMillan & Myron McMillan, all of Choctaw; step-daughters, Cheryl Martinez & Valerie Tubby, both of Philadelphia; a step-son, Harold Brant Tubby of Philadelphia; a sister, Roseanna Thompson of Collinsville; brothers, Mack Anderson & Pennington Johnson, Sr., both of Philadelphia; an aunt; 27 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Clay Wesley, Sr.

Funeral services for Clay Wesley, Sr., 57, were held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, from the Crystal Ridge Community Gymnasium. Bro. John Frazier officiated.

Burial was in the Dancing Rabbit Cemetery in Mushulaville. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Bro. Wesley passed away on July 6 at the Winston County Medical Center in Louisville.

He served various positions within the Choctaw Tribal Government. He served 12 years as tribal council representative for Bogue Chitto & was instrumental for Crystal Ridge being recognized as one of eight official Choctaw communities. He owned & operated Wesco Farms.

Bro. Wesley was proud of his culture & expressing his Choctaw heritage thru traditional storytelling. He passed on his vast knowledge of tribal folklore & was proud to show his traditional Choctaw attire at special events.

He was called a hereditary chief by elders in his community. He was the eldest grandson of the late Chief Cameron Wesley.

He enjoyed gardening, baseball, fishing, watching stickball, participating in house dances, spending quality time with his family, & preaching. He was devoted to serving & praising the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie & Effie Wesley; a son, Samuel J. Wesley; sisters, Cissie Cotton & Lillie Joe; a brother, Egbert Cotton; & an aunt.

Survivors include his wife, Ann M. Wesley; two sons, Zechariah Wesley & Clay Wesley, Jr.; step-daughters, L'Ree Thompson, Marie King & Gina Thompson; a step-son, Jon Thompson; former wife, Mary Wesley; four sisters, Earline Willis, Elaine Denson, Sammie Lou Cotton, & Geraline Jeanguneat; two brothers, Benjie Wesley & Joseph Wesley; 10 grandchildren; an aunt; & host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Jim Willis

Funeral services for Jim Willis, 72, were held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, from the Hopewell Baptist Church in the Standing Pine Community. Bro. Shelly Peoples officiated.

Burial was in the Standing Pine Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Willis passed away on July 7 at his residence.

He enjoyed going for walks, doing puzzles, watching TV, playing cards, & spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis & Annie Gibson Willis; his wife, Mary Sockey Willis; a brother, Aaron Willis; & a sister, Fannie Lou Willis Sockey.

Survivors include his three daughters, Mary Willis of Walnut Grove, Ester Quintero & Vaughnie Willis, both of Carthage; one son, Timothy Willis, Sr. of Walnut Grove; one brother, Willie Willis of Carthage; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews & relatives.

Reginold Willis

Funeral services for Reginold "Reggie" Willis, 73, were held Thursday, July 11, 2013, from the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church. The Rev. Doby Henry officiated.

Burial was in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Willis passed away July 7 at his residence.

He was a retired engineering equipment operator. Prior to that, he was a welder, general laborer at Georgia Pacific, maintenance labor for Eastern Airlines in St. Louis, a brick layer, ready mixer for a cement company, mechanic, ambulance driver, machine operator in an assembly department, construction laborer, plumber, taxi cab driver, & a bartender.

He enjoyed rodeos, riding his motorcycle, fishing, playing baseball, playing pool, singing, & playing various musical instruments. He played in a band with his in-laws called the Warriors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ike & Susie Frazier Willis; his wife, Mary Sue Willis; two infants; two grandsons; sisters, Lallie Hickman, Allene Dixon, Ann Clemmons, Evelyn Jefferson, Freddie Mae Thomas, Carrie Mae Willis, Francis Allen, & Irene Willis; & brothers, Kenny Joe Willis & Andy Willis.

Survivors include a daughter, Rowena Willis; a son, Walter Willis; sisters, Nellie Garcia, Marlene Richwine & Janet Wallace; brothers, David Willis, L.C. Willis & Felton Willis; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends; & special friends, Naomi Isaac & children, Melanie & Manuel Perez.

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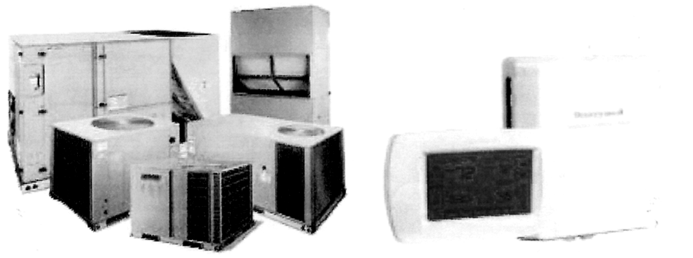
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Kayla Rena Joe

Funeral services for Kayla Rena Joe, 24, were held Saturday, July 13, 2013, from the Nanih Waiya Mennonite Church. The Rev. Glenn Myers officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Joe passed away July 9 at the Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian.

A graduate of Noxapater High School & East Central Community College, she attended Mississippi State University. She was a residential aide at the Nittak Himmona (A New Day) Domestic Violence Shelter.

Her favorite activities included hanging out with friends, shopping, playing cards, & listening to music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Reed Joe & Peggy Joe Orduno; maternal grandparents, Norman & Fannie Tubby; & paternal grandparents, Munch & Emma Joe.

Survivors include her sister, Karla Joe; a brother, Michael Joe, both of Choctaw; four aunts, three uncles, three nieces, two nephews, & a special friend, Willis Smith.

Infant Hallie Skye Smith

Infant Hallie Skye Smith, treasured daughter of Clinton Smith & Cheyenne Bell of Blountsville, AL, was born on July 14, 2013, & gained her heavenly wings the same day.

Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Hayden Wood; a brother, Jayden Smith; grandparents, David & Elizabeth Jones of Blountsville, AL, Brian Bell of Philadelphia, MS & April Osborn & Randy Smith of Arab, AL; great-grandparents, Bill & Jurietha Pass of Blountsville, AL, Betty Bell of Philadelphia, MS & Homer & Virginia Hedge.

Bro. Larry Nails officiated funeral services on Thursday, July 18, 2013, from the Chapel of Blountsville Funeral Home with burial following at Blountsville Cemetery.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Bogue Chitto Councilman Roderick Bell & Deborah Martin of the Tribal Administration for their assistance during their time of bereavement.

Infant Seth Tushka Shoemake

Funeral services for Seth Tushka Shoemake, 2 week old infant, were held Sunday, July 21, 2013, from the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church. The Rev. Samuel Dixon & Rev. Doby Henry officiated.

Burial was in the I Sleep Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Infant Shoemake passed away on July 17 at the University Medical Center in Jackson.

During his two weeks of life, he touched many lives & was deeply loved by family & friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Darius Shoemake; his maternal great-grandparents, Odie & Bessie Jim and Eugene Bell & Lorene Cumberland; paternal great-grandparents, Elizabeth Shoemake & Elton Shoemake, Sr.; & a paternal great-great aunt.

He is survived by his parents, Kali & Shawn Shoemake; two sisters, Tenayah Shoemake & Narriah Shoemake; two brothers, Adarius Shoemake & Heath Shoemake; maternal grandparents, Randy & Clara Jim; paternal grandparent, Dinah Shoemake; & a host of family members.

Willie Wayne Willis

Funeral services for Willie Wayne Willis, 59, were held Tuesday, July 23, 2013, from the Hope Indian Baptist Church in Choctaw. The Rev. Barry Jim, Sr. & Rev. Travis Willis officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Willis passed away July 20 at his residence.

He enjoyed spending time with his family & friends. He was an automotive mechanic, taught by his father & two uncles, & repaired many of his family's vehicles, as well as friends. He attended Choctaw Central High School.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Joseph Willis; a son, Reginald Nickey; a brother, Amos Wardell Willis; three uncles; two aunts; & grandparents.

Survivors include his daughter, Lisa Gibson of Conehatta; two sons, Jonathan Nickey of Choctaw & Sebastian Nickey of Meridian; his mother, Mary Etta Willis of Choctaw; one sister, Barbara Nell Willis of Conehatta; three brothers, James Harold Willis, Ronnie Ray Willis, both of Choctaw, & Darryl Jim of Philadelphia; an aunt; an uncle; 12 grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Le'Daius Dean Comby

Funeral services for Le'Daius Dean Comby, 22 months old, were held Tuesday, July 30, 2013, from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Red Water. Deacon Ricky Edwards officiated.

Burial was in the Old Mt. Zion Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Comby passed away July 25 at the Choctaw Health Center in Choctaw.

He loved spending time with his family and playing with his toys. He loved to learn, discover new things & being independent.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Paul Cotton; great-grandmothers, Mavis Cotton & Carol Sue Comby; two aunts; & a great-aunt.

Survivors include his mother, Leah D. Comby; stepfather, Aldreca Hickman; father, Vincente Reyes Cruz; maternal grandmother, Jessica Comby; step-grandfather, Gregory Jim; paternal step-grandparents, Diane & Eric Hickman, Sr.; a great-great-grandmother, Sarah Jim; step-great-great grandmother, Ina Isaac; a great-grandfather, Raymond Comby; two aunts; five step-aunts; four uncles; six step-uncles; seven great-aunts; a

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step-great-aunt; a great-great aunt; two great-uncles; a godmother; & a host of relatives & friends.

SHIRLEY FAYE LEWIS

Funeral services for Shirley Faye Lewis, 60, were held Wednesday, July 31, 2013, from the Bogue Chitto Facility Building. The Rev. Doby Henry officiated.

Burial was in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Lewis passed away July 28 at the Choctaw Health Center in Choctaw.

She was a wonderful and loving mother. She loved to be around family & friends, especially at home preparing for holiday and birthday dinners. She made everybody feel comfortable and welcomed.

Her hobbies included sewing, doing crossword puzzles, fishing, and talking on the phone. She loved to watch Bok Cito play stickball.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom "Shorty" Bell & Katherine Jackson Bell; sisters, Ruby Mae Lewis, Willie Dean Cotton & Synthia Willis; & brothers, Sammy Bell, Sr. & Henry C. Bell.

Survivors include her two sons, Steven Lewis & Sebastian Lewis; a brother, Beasley Willis, Sr; sisters, Sharon Gibson, Etta Johnson & Roxanne Joe; four aunts; an uncle; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; & numerous nieces & nephews.

LAMBERT DENSON

Funeral services for Lambert Denson, 66, were held Monday, August 5, 2013, from the Hopewell Indian Baptist Church in Standing Pine. Bro. Olin Williams officiated.

Burial was in the Standing Pine Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Denson passed away Aug. 2 at the Anderson Regional Medical Center-South Campus in Meridian.

He was a member of Hopewell Indian Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran & received an Honorable Service of Character & National Defense

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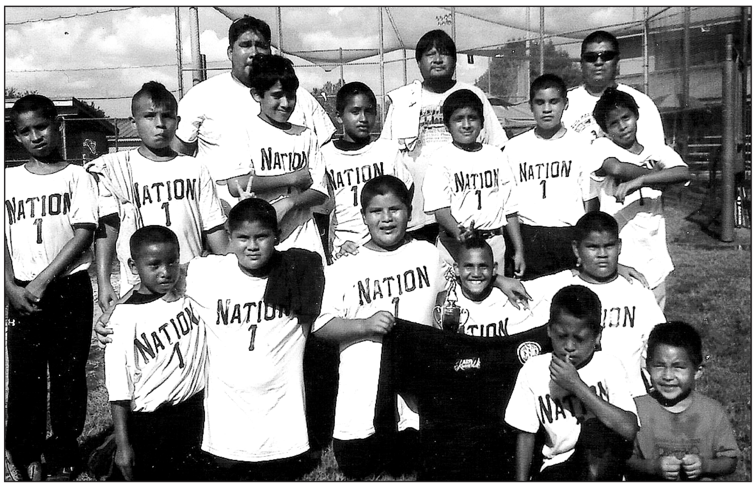

Nation 1 places second at NAYO

The Nation 1 boys baseball team (ages 9-10) placed second at the annual Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) Baseball Tournament in Okeechobee, Fla., on July 20 hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Congratulations to each player playing back-to-back games. Thank you to the parents & family members who came down to see their loved ones play & to the people who made special donations. Players are, first row from left, Ayden McKinney & Fugi McMillan, Jr.; second row, Dewey Cotton, Donald Lasiloo, Jr., Gannon Vaughn, Sammy Vaughn, Drew Lasiloo; third row, Johnny Vaughn, II, Billy Isom, Ryan Henry, Colby McKinney, Dawson Jimmie, Zander Waiter, Jon Vaughn; back row, supporting fathers who were on the side lines, Andrew McMillan, Dustin Hickman & Donald Lasiloo, Sr. Not pictured are coaches Jennifer Lasiloo and Melanie Stephens.

Nation 1 dance group says thanks

The Nation 1 Dance Group would like to thank Chief Phyliss J. Anderson, the Tribal Administration & the Department of Chahta Immi for letting them dance at the 64th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair. They enjoyed dancing for the people. Members of the dance group include, front row from left, Donald Lasiloo Jr., Johnny Vaughn II, Drew Lasiloo, Traeh Vaughn, Jorgan Vaughn, Jaycia Chickaway, Dawson Jimmie, Sammy Vaughn, Jon Vaughn; second row, Allie Alex, Ciji Vaughn, Shaylene Thomas, Jillian Lasiloo, Jessiny Vaughn, Jaleesa Vaughn, Brannon Wilson; third row, Jeremy Vaughn, Meshay Jimmie, Breanna Lasiloo, Kandace Lasiloo, Malahta Henderson, Mya Solomon, Mindee Cotton; back row, Jerry Waiter, Kurtland Williamson, Steve Thomas, Brandon Jimmie, Zander Waiter, & Gannon Vaughn.

Three-Peat, Three-Peat, Three-Peat!!!

Congratulations to the Road Warriors for winning the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) 12-Under baseball tournament held in Okeechobee, Fla. It was the third year in the row they won the tournament. Special thanks to our fans that came out to watch us play. We appreciate all your support. Team members include, sitting from left, Deyon Ben, Reyes Willis, Kaden Bell; kneeling, Alex Ben, Merrick Hickman, Alex Bell, Kyle Chapman; standing, Cody Sockey, Rayden Sockey, Darius Thompson, Yunish Billy, Jocoby Thompson, Andrew Sockey, Coach Chris Thompson, Coach Ray Willis, & Mike Hickman.

Warriors place second at NAYO tournament

Congratulations to the Warriors for placing second in the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) 13-15 year-old division baseball tournament held in Okeechobee, Fla. Special thanks to our fans that came out to watch us play. We appreciate all your support. Team members include, kneeling from left, Brandis Johnson & Justin Tubby; standing, Micah Mingo, Tayshaun Mingo, Emerson Billy, Desmond "Dez" Hernandez, Hayden Farmer, Daylon Ben, Dayton Bell, Ozzie Willis, Eyabay Henry, Dylan "Dodi" Nickey, & Coach Ray Willis. Not pictured are Coach Tilson Wilson & Coach Demondo Mingo.

Service Medal.

He attended East Central Community College & worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Choctaw Agency until his retirement. He then worked as a transportation driver for Choctaw Transit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Denson Sr. & Mary Ann Williams Denson; his wife, Emilee Jim Denson; and a nephew.

Survivors include his daughter, Nichole Denson Garcia of Mohave Valley, AZ; two sisters, Louvia Denson Solomon & Alvina Denson Mitch, both of Walnut Grove; three brothers, Charles Denson of Antioch, TN, Leroy Denson & Carmen Denson, both of Walnut Grove; two nephews whom he raised, Keith Amos of Philadelphia & Luther Amos of Walnut Grove; a step-son, Anthony Jim of Choctaw; two aunts, two uncles, & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Laura Ann Henry Thompson

Funeral services for Laura Ann Henry Thompson, 59, were held Sunday, August 11, 2013, from the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church. The Rev. Samuel Dixon officiated.

Burial was in the Bogue Chitto Community Cemetery. John E. Stephens Chapel Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thompson passed away Aug. 8 at the Choctaw Residential Center in Choctaw.

She was a member of the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church.

A 1972 graduate of Choctaw Central High School, she attended and graduated from Haskell Indian Junior College in 1975.

She enjoyed spending time with family & friends, bowling, reading magazines, and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob Henry & Annie Thomas Henry; sisters, Jeanette Morris & Odeana Lozares; & brothers, Norman Henry, Nelson Henry, Bob Larry Henry, & Travis Henry.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Erin Thompson; sons, Kyle Daniel Thompson & Gerald Edward Thompson; sisters, Dora York & Mary Ann Mason; a brother, Rev. Charles Doby Henry; two grandchildren; & a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, & friends.

Department of Children & Family Services

Foster Care

There are many ways you can help become a foster parent and touch the life of a Choctaw child. Help keep our Choctaw children in the community and connected to their culture and traditions. Children are our most valuable resource for our future. It takes a village to raise a child so let us come together and show our Choctaw children how sacred they are.

"Akanomi Moma" - "We are all related"

To inquire about foster parenting, please call the Department of Children and Family Services at 601-650-1741

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NEIGHBORHOOD

YARD SALE

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013
7:00 a.m.-Until
Pearl River
Community
River Oaks/Dogwood
Subdivisions

FOOD SALE
BAKE SALE
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Stickball players participate in State Games parade

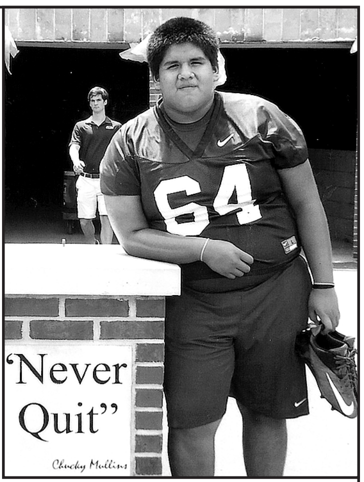
These kids from Bogue Chitto, Conehatta and Pearl River youth stickball teams participated in the opening ceremony parade of the State Games of Mississippi in Meridian on June 14, 2013. Thank you to the people who brought their kids and making the banner representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians with surrounding communities. They enjoyed walking up on the stage when their names were called upon.

Bacon attends Ole Miss football camp

Montae Bacon, an incoming freshman at Neshoba Central High School, was one of several hundred high school football players participating in the 2013 Ole Miss Football Skills Camp in Oxford on July 19.

Participants received valuable instruction by their respective Ole Miss position coaches and to have in mind four values - faith, attitude, team, and heart. Montae will play defensive tackle this fall.

Participants experienced working out at the Rebels' indoor practice facility, the outdoor practice field and Vaught-Hemingway Stadium/Hollingsworth Field. All participants were greeted by Ole Miss head football coach Hugh Freeze.



Montae Bacon

The Fifth Annual

Simpson Tubby Family Reunion

Friday, September 27, 2013

Pushmataha Family Life Center

(Hwy. 16 West, across from Pow Wow Store)

Choctaw, Mississippi

3:00 p.m. - Until

There will be door prizes, entertainment & BINGO! All relatives & friends are invited to celebrate with us! Please bring a covered dish of your choice. Bring a six pack of soda or bottled water. Bring your comfortable lawn chair & enjoy the activities. Also, please bring old family photos & new pictures so it can be displayed.

For more information, contact Robert C. Tubby at 601-663-0014 (home) after 4:30 p.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 13th Birthday to Brekaitya S. Ray on June 28, from Grandma & Grandpa. We love you.

Happy 36th Birthday to Amanda Tassie Isaac on July 30. We all love you & miss you so much. From Darris, Janice, Brandon, Jalena, Daiandre, Horace Jr., Martesha, & Mom.

Happy 16th Birthday to Tanesha Lewis on Aug. 12.

Happy 6th Birthday to Warren Dixon, Jr. & to Trayden Dixon who is turning 5 years old in August. From Mom, Keyfe, brothers, & sisters.

Happy Belated 2nd Birthday to Arizona Willis on July 5, from Dad, Mom, your sisters, brother, & the rest of the family. Love you bunches!

Happy Birthday to our auntie & sister-in-law, Patricia Willis, on July 25, from none other than us - Mina, Justin & Steph. We love you!

A Big Happy Birthday shout out to a brother & uncle, Mr. James Byrd Willis, on July 4! We love you! From your one & only sister & your niece & nephew, Mina & Justin.

Happy Belated Birthday to Charlene Isaac & Eric Mota, "Baby JoJo Mota", from Michelle & family... Happy Belated Birthday to Shamilia Isaac on July 17, from your auntie, uncle, niece, & nephew.

Happy Birthday to the Martins - Beverly Nickey on Aug. 5, Sheila Martin on Aug. 10, Bryson Billie on Aug. 10, Charlene Martin on Aug. 11, Shirley Martin Berg on Aug. 12, & Taloa Grace Berg on Aug. 13, from Jessica Dixon with many more years to come.

Happy Birthday to Ayshan Sherelle on Aug. 29. My how you've grown up so fast from the 4 lb., 10 ½ oz baby girl to the beautiful young lady you are today. You came into this world a lil'earlier than expected all big-eyed & ready to see the world. You were so little I cannot believe you were ever a preemie when I look at you today. You've gone thru alot, but you're a strong girl. I'm proud of you! I love you, Biggon! Happy Birthday from Mom, your brother Arral, sis Kenisha, Chip, Mamo, Pappo, auntie, cousins, & all who love you!

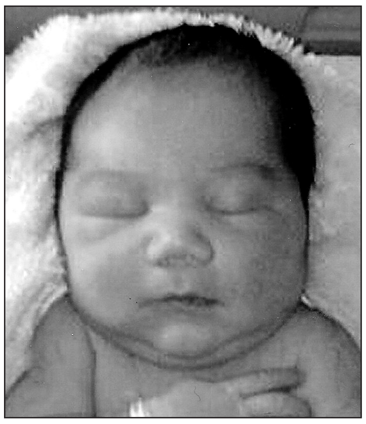
Happy 9th Birthday to Arral Ivan Frazier on Sept. 15. Nine years has gone by since I held a bouncing 6 lb., 11 oz. baby boy. You've grown into a handsome young man. You have made me proud by getting honor rolls at C.E.S. these past years. My son, I love you & wish all the best for you. You keep me laughing with your crazy lil' self always doing what you can to please others & make them happy. Proud of you, Boy! Happy Birthday from Mom, your sisters Ayshan & Kenisha, Chip, Mamo, Pappo, auntie, cousins & all who love you.

Happy Birthdays to Marilyn Marie Tubby & Jody Solomon, Jr. on Aug. 6, Sandra Morris on Aug. 7, B. Jean Jones on Aug. 12, Gary Tubby, II on Aug. 20, Karen Richards on Aug. 23, & Christopher Evans, Jr. on Aug. 28, from everyone who loves you!!!

Happy Birthdays to Gary McMillan on Sept. 1, Miya Steve who turned 12 on Sept. 3, Malalchi Steve on Sept. 10, Sandy Richards on Sept. 13, & John Evans on Aug. 21, from everyone who loves you!!!

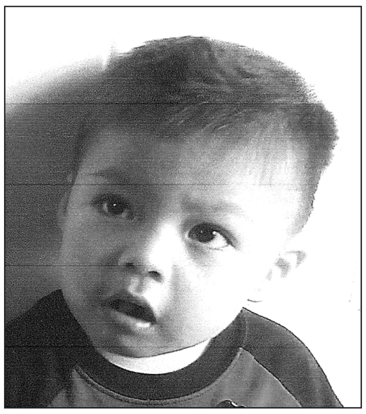
Happy Birthday to Holly Denson on Aug. 10!

Welcome home Brett Clemons, a.k.a. "Thunder Cat". A name without fame is like a fire without flame. Take care good friend, from your buddy, Big Dook, & the rest of us at Forrest City F.C.I.



WELCOME BABY!
Marcos Antonio Cruz Barrera, Jr. was born on Aug. 3, 2013, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, KS. He weighed in at 9 1/2 lbs. & 20 3/4" long. Proud parents are Pauline Barrera & Marcos Antonio Cruz. Grandmother is Norma Hickman & grandfather is Pablo Cardova. Great-grandparents are Pauline Hickman of Tucker & Bobby Hickman of Bogue Chitto.

Happy 1st Birthday to Kaecetyn S. Williams on Aug. 30, love from your family & friends, especially Kael & Shug. Also, she wishes her big "Sissy" Kaeleen Anderson a Happy 16th Birthday on Sept. 1.



Happy 2nd Birthday to Spencer D. Williams on July 11, from Mom, Dad & the family.

Happy 7th Anniversary to Stacy & Jacob Goodin on July 3.

Happy 6th Wedding Anniversary to Terry & Althea Willis on July 25.

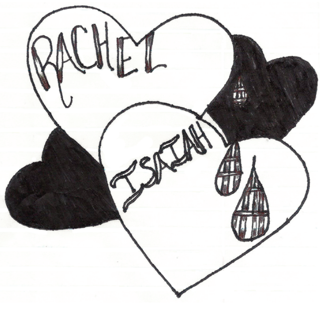
DEDICATED TO MY SON, ISAIAH ACE COTTON

I've been with you since before your birth. I'll stand by your side as long as I'm on this earth.

A mother's love is special, a never-ending gift. A love that's always there if you ever need lift.

I think of you often, never missing a day. My love is forever & always sent your way.

You're never far from the caring thoughts in my heart. No matter how many miles ever try to keep us apart.

A mother's love, your gift, the gift I'll always give to you. As we watch our lives go by, no matter what you say or do.

I love you, son. Always & forever - your mom, Rachel Cotton.